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BERKELEY police released this sketch of the suspect in the latest incident.

Debate on future of Bulb residents

By James Carter

ALBANY — Members of the City Council haggled over a proposed ordinance aimed ostensibly at residents living on the landfill, yet were unable to reach a consensus due largely to provisions affecting city parks.

The proposed edict would spell out regulations for the use of open space, parks, and recreational zones including "those areas and portions located and referred to as the Albany Waterfront."

If passed all city parks and open space in town would be off-limits to the public from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

No digging it

According to provisions of the proposal, no person could consume or have in their possession alcoholic beverages "of any kind whatsoever" in parks or open space.

The ordinance would also make it illegal to "dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs, plants or other wood and/or materials, or to make any excavation" at those locations.

The proposal would also make it a crime to attach "anything, whether rope, cable or otherwise, to any shrub, tree, fence rail, bridge, bench, or other structure" in a park or open space area. An individual violating any of the ordinance's provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, could be fined "in an amount not exceeding \$500 and/or be imprisoned" for up to six months.

The main focus of the ordinance was aimed at prohibiting overnight camping, open fires, the construction of buildings or shacks "both temporary or permanent," the use of sleeping bags, tents, or any other shelters on city property — all issues aimed directly at landfill residents.

Park issues

Though most members of the council initially appeared ready to give first approval to the measure, Councilman Ed McManus raised issues about the use of "sun tents," which he maintained might be restricted by the new ordinance. Suggesting the statute would by definition apply to all parks in Albany, McManus also raised "the dog issue" — a controversial subject he jokingly said at an earlier council meeting should be avoided by politicians.

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Similarities in assaults

Description of suspect in latest case similar to rapists sought in two other incidents

By Sonia Giordani and Marc Albert

The third rape in a week has area police departments working together closely to determine whether a single suspect is at work.

Berkeley police are not ruling anything out. "At this time there are a lot of similarities in the description of the responsible in these cases," said Capt. Bobby Miller of the Berkeley police. "It

is possible that these cases were all committed by the same individual, but we're not ruling out the possibility that they have been done by separate individuals."

On Tuesday Berkeley police released a drawing of the suspect in the third incident, the kidnap and rape of a Richmond woman early Friday.

Police said the woman, who was walking alone near 23rd Street and Barrett Avenue, got into a car and was driven to Berkeley against her will. She was then raped at the city marina. Berkeley police

described the suspect as a very heavyset black man in his mid-30s with short hair.

And though the description is vague, police said it is similar to that of a man wanted for the rape of a 20-year-old Oakland woman in Pinole on Monday and the rape of a 25-year-old Southern California woman in El Cerrito on Tuesday.

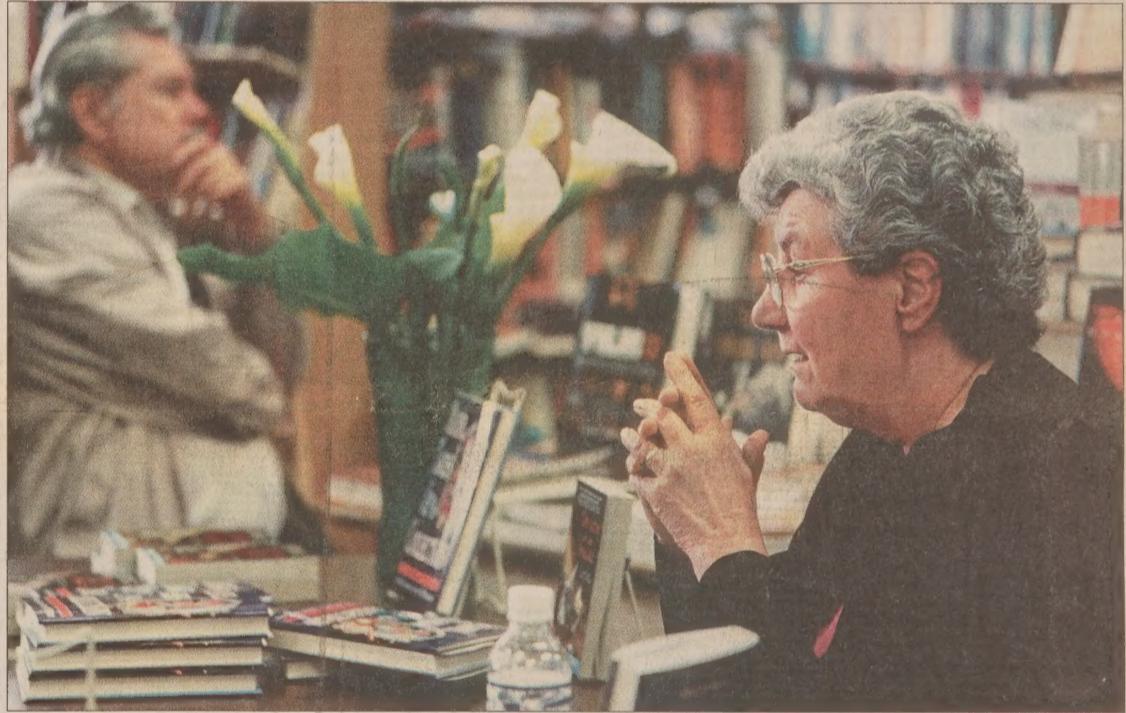
Police also noted that the three women were accosted while walking alone and then driven to another location where they were raped.

In two of the cases the suspect re-

portedly drove a sport utility vehicle. In the third case, a woman was abducted by the driver of a large metallic-blue 1980's American made car.

"At this point, we know there are some similarities between the cases, and we're working with the other police departments," said Berkeley Capt. Bobby Miller. "But we need to look at this much more closely before we can determine if in fact we think the suspects are one and the

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SISTER CAROL ANNE O'MARIE, above, talks about her new book 'Death Takes Up a Collection' before a rapt audience (below) at M.C. Newburn Books in Albany. JOANNA JHANDA

The writing nun

Murder mysteries a diversion; running a women's shelter is Sister's higher calling

By J.R. Deaton

ALBANY — Sister Carol Anne O'Marie has silver hair, a calm low reading voice and a killer wit.

To the delight of a small, but obviously loyal and appreciative audience, O'Marie read from her eighth murder mystery novel, "Death Takes Up a Collection" at M.C. Newburn Books last week.

She also talked about researching her stories, drug abuse, the homeless problem and the triumph of good over evil.

The 65-year-old O'Marie entered the

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1951 and has been writing murder mysteries for the last 20 years.

Ten years ago she also co-founded and currently co-directs A Friendly Place, an Oakland drop-in center and residence for homeless women.

But last Wednesday she spent some time with her friends at the bookshop and started out by describing her latest novel.

"It's about a priest who dips his hand

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Hefty tab for parks needs

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Pool tile is cracking and some coping needs replacement, playground equipment needs upgrading, restrooms are non-existent or inaccessible at some city clubhouses and parks, and deferred maintenance is the norm at many city recreational facilities.

The City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission held a joint work session last week to decide what to do

about the city's deteriorating recreational facilities.

The council decided to issue a "request for proposals" to seek professional consultation on exactly how much it will cost to repair and rehabilitate the swim center and the Canyon Trail Clubhouse.

"We will fix the pool one more time," said Community Services Manager Monica Kortz at the meeting.

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El Cerrito sets goals for '00

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The City Council held a two-day workshop last week to set goals and "targets for action" for 1999-2000 and beyond.

Working Friday and Saturday in the training room of Fire Station 72 on Arlington Boulevard, the council set three top priority and four high priority targets, and reaffirmed and modified their long term (year 2005) goals. They also

agreed to a set of council "code of conduct" rules or guidelines, some of which one councilmember said gave the impression of "clandestine operation." The council seemed to be much more "together" this goal setting (session), Councilwoman Jane Bartke said at the close of the workshop.

She noted that "all five were involved and participated" in the annual exercise.

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Parade, ceremonies Saturday open El Cerrito Youth Baseball season

The El Cerrito Youth Baseball "Opening Day" festivities have become a traditional family and community special event. This year's festivities will be held Saturday, March 6. A parade will commence at El Cerrito High School at 10 a.m. and wind its way down to Cerrito Vista Park.

Participating will be the El Cerrito High School marching band, a

display of antique cars, and all team players of all levels ranging from the age of 6 to 14.

Ryan Houston, a local youth resident and award-winning vocalist, will open the ceremonies singing the National Anthem. Ryan has performed throughout the Bay Area for groups including the Oakland Raiders, a reception for U.S.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

General Plan scoping session

Residents will have one more chance to give their views on the future of development in El Cerrito at a public hearing on the environmental impact report for the city's General Plan revisions on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 7007 Moeser Lane. Under guidelines being set, the plan, which is required by state law, will encompass El Cerrito, Kensington and unincorporated areas adjacent to the city in East Richmond Heights. Copies of the initial study are available at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., and at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 215-4330.

Community Center summer jobs

The City of El Cerrito is now accepting job applications summer employment. Positions available include day camp and pool staff. Ages 15 through 17 years old must have a job permit, and there is volunteer work for those 12 to 14 years old. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details: 215-4370.

Art and Poetry Celebration

An "Art and Poetry Celebration" sponsored by the Albany Senior Center and MacGregor High School will be held March 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, The Alameda at Solano. The theme is "Life as a Teenager: Yesterday and Today." Meet the artists and writers and enjoy music, poetry, reading and refreshments.

Lecture series

Lecture/discussions is being held at the Center for Psychological Studies 1398

Solano Ave. (at Carmel). Lectures are from noon to 10:20 p.m. The topic for March 5 is "The Language of the Body: Mind, Body and Psyche." Joanna G. Harris, Ph.D., ADTR has been involved with dance, dance therapy and theater since her earliest training. Educated in kinesiology, her work pre-dates many of the current "body" therapies. For many years she directed graduate studies in Creative Arts Therapies in San Francisco. She is an author and editor and an adjunct faculty member of CFS. The topic for March 19 is "Freud's language, Civilization and its Discontents." Joseph Lifschitz, MD is an outstanding Freud scholar. He has taught for many years at the SF Psychoanalytic Institute and has been in private practice in the East Bay for three decades. He has lectured on Freud internationally, most recently in Argentina. All are welcome. There is no charge. Details: 524-0291.

Albany Pool classes

The Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave., is holding swimming and water fitness classes for adults and children this spring. Mail-in registration for all may be postmarked March 1 or later. Registration will be accepted at the pool beginning March 8. The pool will be closed for maintenance on Monday, March 15 and will reopen on Saturday, March 27. There will be no registration accepted at the pool during that time. Adult fitness classes will include calisthenics in the water, arthritis exercise, deep water exercise, and water walking. Swimming levels for adults are from beginning through advanced. Classes meet in the morning, evening, and on Saturday.

Children's classes are for youngsters 4 years and older. Classes meet in the afternoon, evening, and on Saturday. The Parents and Tot program is water ad-

justment classes for children 6 months to 4 years old. These classes meet mornings and on Saturday.

A complete schedule of lap and recreational swim and drop-in-exercise including water walking/water running hours is also available at the pool. Details: 559-6640.

Infant/toddler lapsit

Registration is open for the second series of the Infant-Toddler Lapsit Program will be offered again at the El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library. This program is for parents and their very young children from birth through age 2-1/2. Simple stories, rhymes and songs will be used during the 20-minute program to help children develop pre-reading skills as listening, language development and a deep love of books and a desire to learn to read. Parents will be asked to attend with their young children. The second half of Session 1 takes place Mondays at 1 p.m., March 15 through April 12. Session 2 takes place Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from now through Feb. 25, and March 18 through April 15. The El Cerrito Branch is located at 6510 Stockton Ave., 526-7512.

Albany board openings

The Albany City Council is seeking interested citizens for appointment to the following boards, commissions and committees: Civil Service Board Library Advisory Board Park & Recreation Commission Arts Committee Charter Review Committee Waterfront Committee Mental Health Advisory Board. Interested applicants can contact the City Clerk for an application and description of each board, commission or committee. Details: 528-5720 or visit City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Late night intruder arrested at new middle school

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 10 p.m. on Feb. 21 Albany officers responded to reports of a prowler in the gym area of the new middle school on Brighton Avenue. They contacted two men, brothers from Fremont, who said they were employees finishing up some work. A check found that the 23-year-old brother had outstanding warrants from three different Alameda County agencies. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 the librarian at the Albany Library on Marin Avenue reported that a man who is known for lewd and obscene behavior was in the public bathroom, taking a bath with all his clothes off. Officers contacted the man, who apparently is bothersome but has not hurt anyone. They asked the District Attorney's office for their evaluation and recommended action.

■ On the afternoon of Feb. 23 a resident on the 600 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a parcel from her porch which had been set out for pick up by a parcel courier. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Feb. 24 a resident on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves had broken into her car and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 25 the CHP reported locating a green '93 Ford van which had been reported as stolen and they had detained several people associated with the theft. This was processed through the Albany police station and the owner was notified.

■ On the afternoon of Feb. 12 a resident on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue reported that thieves stole his black commuter bike while it was parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Feb. 25 a resident on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the license plate from his car. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 26 a resident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night his green '98 Toyota Camry had been broken into. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 8 p.m. on Feb. 26 Albany officers responded to the 800 block of Kains Avenue on reports of a vehicle blocking a driveway and contacted six subjects who had been drinking. A 22-year-old Albany man was found to have an outstanding Alameda County warrant for driving with a suspended license in the amount of \$3,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

Appear. The rest of the group admonished the intruder and allowed to depart. That was noted that further contact same evening could result in

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 26 Albany officers responded to eight men fighting and was pushed through a window on the 1000 block of Marin Avenue. All but one of the men departed when officers arrived. The 20-year-old Albany man had minor injuries and was walking. He refused to stop and was apprehended. The man, history of fighting, refused to identify his attackers and their charges were made. He was resisting and obstructing and released with a Notice to Appear.

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■ During the week of Feb. 26 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed a car to nine false addresses, tended to four lost or damaged animals, assisted eight people who locked out of their house or responded to three reports of dogs. In the domestic disturbances, officers responded to 20 reports of disturbances and 82 Civilian firefighters/paramedics responded to six medical emergencies.

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Accident roadblock leads to DUI arrest

EL CERRITO — A liquor store near Moeser Lane and San Pablo Avenue was cited for selling beer to minors Feb. 8 after police stopped two boys driving an automobile containing the brew.

■ A 76-year-old woman who asked an officer if she could drive her car around a temporary roadblock set up by police following an accident near San Pablo Avenue and Fairmont Street was arrested Feb. 19 for driving under the influence.

■ A 55-year-old man was stopped by officers Feb. 20 after driving down Potrero Avenue near South 55th

Street in an automobile with one tire so flat police said it set off sparks. Apparently the driver needed a little air as well and he was arrested for driving under the influence.

■ On Feb. 26, a 26-year-old male on the 1200 block of Elm Street told police a former roommate was abusing his former fiance. The man reportedly also said his 31-year-old former roommate was using a number of different drugs and growing marijuana in his former upstairs bedroom closet. The former roommate was arrested for growing and harboring pot.

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Tickets for Family Day at Symphony

Get close yourself and your kids close to the music and get tickets now for "Family Day at the Symphony" in Richmond, with the Oakland East Bay Symphony on March 28 at the Richmond Convention Center.

The OEBS will be joined by 50 student string musicians from Alameda and Contra Costa County schools playing side-by-side with the symphony musicians. Student performers will include 5th graders Laurel Brown and Lindsey Fuller from Harding Elementary and Anneliese La Force from Kensington Hilltop and Lauren McNulty from Kensington Hilltop.

An "instrument petting zoo" will be held in the convention center lobby after the performance.

Children of all ages, from babes-in-arms up, are welcome. Family Day provides an affordable (\$2 children, \$8 adults) way to introduce the whole family to the joys of live orchestra music, as well as the opportunity to meet the musicians and conductor Michael Morgan.

Educational opportunity

In addition to being a low-cost cultural opportunity for the wider community, the symphony appearance is an educational opportunity as well.

The West Contra Costa Education Fund is not only sponsoring the concert, but a related series of in-school performances by OEBS musicians.

Conductor Morgan will accompany the musicians to many of the school sites, where budding musicians and the school population at-large will see first-hand who makes the music and how.

The Ed. Fund is also preparing a narrated tape of the music that will be played at Family Day that will be available at no charge to all district teachers who want to familiarize

their students with the piece March 28 performance.

Family Day is the second Ed. Fund-sponsored performance by the OEBS (the third is on March 24), and it marks the culminating effort by the fund to link the arts to the music curriculum in the schools and to the life of WCCUSD student music fans at the Richmond Convention Center.

That effort has been aided by a grant from the East Bay Community Foundation.

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AHS Science Team takes to road for D.C. title tilt

By James Carter

to do real well representing Albany. Science Bowl Coach Rich Lohman is proud of all five students on the team. All had to battle with 20 other AHS contestants through a tough written test. Those who made the cut then faced each other in a buzzer round competition, the winners selected to compete in the regional finals.

Wrestling with a decision

Lohman, Chairman of the Science Department at AHS, said all competitors were extremely talented, adding he had a difficult time picking the fifth member of the squad. All demonstrated an iron grasp of biology, chemistry, earth and computer science, physics, mathematics and astronomy, Lohman said, adding he's certain he made the right choice for the final spot since this year's contenders "work very well together as a team."

Lohman also credited the Albany Education Foundation for a substantial grant that provided students with electronic buzzers similar to those used on the television game "Jeopardy," equipment that he said contributed to their victory.

Commenting on the strength of the Regional Science Bowl Champs, Lohman said "It's noteworthy that at Albany — being such a small school — we have students achieving at such a high level as this. It's really an honor for me just to work with them."

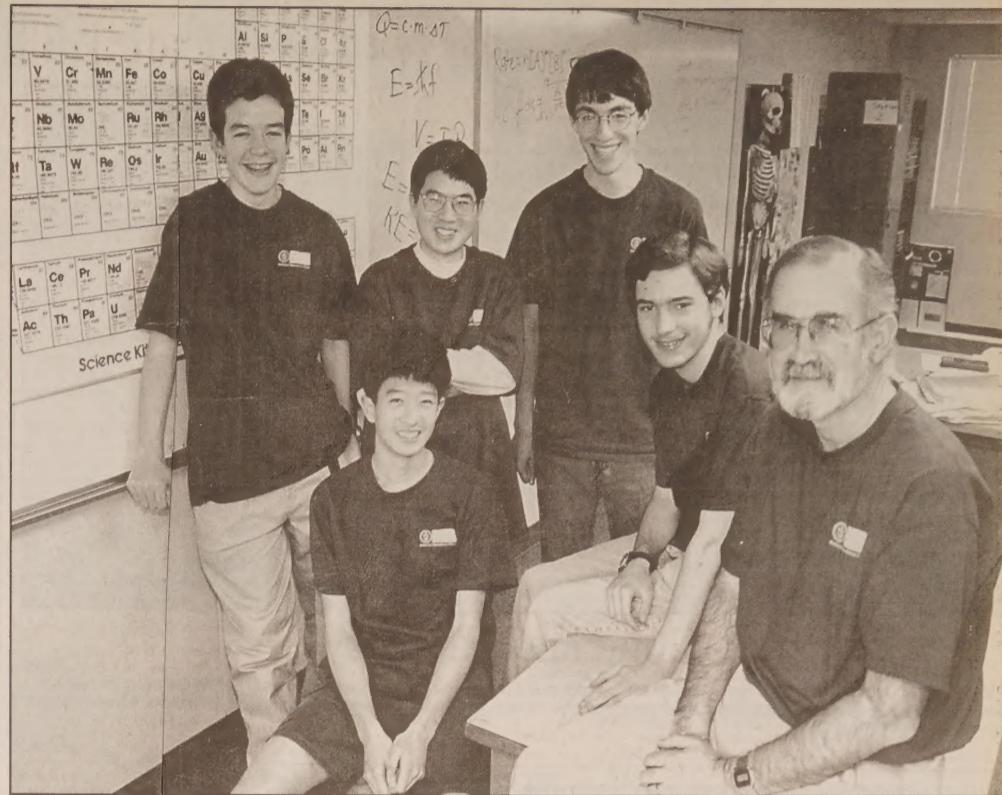
No match

Though Lohman declined any credit for the team's accomplishments claiming "I'm not a coach like an athletic coach," he was quick to point out their many strengths. "I was joking with colleagues in the science department," he said wryly, "and told them if we put up our science department members as a 4- or 5 member team against these guys, we'd get wiped out."

Despite their academic skills and mastery of facts and figures, the AHS Science Bowl Champs have a gentle side as well. Though they can make their opponents see stars, all five young men truly enjoy what they're doing.

Senior Peter Rudiak-Gould said "It's been fun preparing (for the regional bowl), to brush up on some topics and to learn some new ones. And it's been a great experience being with a great team."

Rudiak-Gould, a senior who plans on attending the University of Califor-



JOANNA JHANDE

MEMBERS of the AHS Science Team headed for Washington, D.C. are (left to right) Alexander McCormach, 15; Victor Tsai, 16 (sitting); Caleb Lo, 17; Seth Teitler, 11 and science department chair and team coach Richard Lohman.

"It's noteworthy that at Albany — being such a small school — we have students achieving at such a high level as this. It's really an honor for me just to work with them."

— Rich Lohman, coach

That definitely applies. That would be a lot of fun," he said. Teitler paused for a moment to reflect then, added, "We want to have a good time and do a good job of representing Albany."

Emergency preparedness

In a major emergency, how would we communicate if the phone lines are inoperative? Residents of El Cerrito and Kensington are invited to attend a workshop and learning session about emergency communications on March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington.

For information, call Pat Cafelt at 510-726-2826.

Body to rumble

Seth Teitler fought on the last Albany team to take the national trophy. The senior, who plans on studying physical science and engineering next year at UC Berkeley, knows the team up against. Nevertheless, fusing scientific experience and a tough focus, Teitler warned the tourist: this is not the reason why we're going to Washington. "We're going there to have fun and play some more and hopefully

California when he graduates this year, said as far as the trip to Washington goes, "I'm hoping we can do pretty well though it's going to be a lot more challenging than what we've already done. I hope to visit some of the museums there and have good time."

Field of dreams

Victor Tsai, a junior interested in physical sciences said "The whole thing has been great enjoyed all the practices, and all the weird things that we've done." As to boys like "We

need more sleep. Washington, yeah, that will be interesting."

Before the next member of the team could share their thoughts, the Titans of Tech got into a good natured discussion about who was going to get the window seat on the plane ride to Washington.

Though Alexander McCormach is the youngest member of the team, the sophomore did not seem particularly concerned about that debate. There were other things on his mind. "It's been my first chance to partici-

pate in the Science Bowl," he said "and it's been a real opportunity for me to learn some new science and figure out what I really know. It's definitely fun and exciting. But I think the best part was working with this group."

Whichever team is left standing after the national competition in Washington will win an all-expense trip to Australia, where, according to Teitler, they will attend a science symposium. "Caleb was telling us before we won on Saturday that our rallying cry should be 'Australia!'

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Gung Hay Fat Choy

SAN FRANCISCO may have held its higher profile Chinese New Year's parade last Saturday, but students at Harding Elementary in El Cerrito were not to be outdone. A couple of Fridays earlier the school held its own parade on the playground, complete with homemade paper dragon, welcoming the year of the rabbit.

PEOPLE

Katrina Cornish

ALBANY — A scientist who discovered that latex from a native shrub is free of proteins that can cause painful and sometimes life-threatening allergic reactions was honored earlier this month by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Plant physiologist Katrina Cornish of the ARS's Western Regional Research Center in Albany, has been named an "Outstanding Senior Research Scientist of 1998" by the research agency.

"Dr. Cornish holds patents for hypoallergenic natural latex from guayule, a hardy native shrub in the southwestern United States, and for extracting and processing that latex," said ARS Administrator Floyd P. Horn. "Her innovative research should pave the way for using guayule's high-quality latex to make gloves, catheters and dozens of other products for medical, industrial and home use."

Cornish and other award recipients received plaques, cash awards and additional funds to support their research at a Feb. 10 ceremony at the agency's Beltsville, Md., Agricultural Research Center. ARS is the USDA's chief research agency.

"Experiments that Dr. Cornish has

organized with researchers throughout the country indicate that guayule latex is a practical, safe and reliable alternative to latex from other sources," said Horn. "New alternatives are especially important to the estimated 20 million Americans who are allergic to natural rubber from the most widely used commercial source, the Brazilian rubber tree. Susceptible people may develop reactions ranging from itchy rashes to deadly anaphylactic shock."

"In addition," Horn said, "domestic sources of high-quality latex would reduce America's reliance on imported rubber and on petroleum for making synthetic rubber products."

Horn also commended Cornish for helping establish a science workshop for local high school students. Scientists at the ARS Western Regional Research Center conduct the annual, semester-long Agricultural Science Academic Workshop. The dozen promising students selected from groups underrepresented in scientific professions, attend lectures at the Albany center and conduct research experiments there. This gives them an inside look at careers in biotechnology, chemistry, food safety, human nutrition and other scientific fields.

Cornish currently leads a team

that is seeking the genes that cue guayule and other plants to make rubber.

"In the future," said Horn, "biotechnologists may be able to shuttle rubber-making genes from one plant species into another. That could boost the amount and quality of latex produced by guayule or other plants suitable for growing in the United States."

Cornish, a native of Beccles, Suffolk, England, has been with the Agricultural Research Service since 1989.

She received her bachelor of science degree in biological sciences — with highest honors — in 1978 and doctorate in 1982, both from the University of Birmingham in Edgbaston, England. She has received five awards for equal employment opportunity activities and was selected by the San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board as the region's top federal scientist in 1997.

Lucy Vohs

Lucy Vohs, daughter of Richard and Judy Vohs of Albany, has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement at Colby College in Maine for the fall semester of the 1998-99 school year. Vohs, an Albany High School grad-

uate, is majoring in government and American studies.

Kristen Harkness

Kristen Harkness of Albany has received the National Italian American Foundation Mid-Pacific Regional Scholarship. Harkness attends Macalester College.

The National Italian American Foundation has awarded over one million dollars in scholarships across the country in the last two years.

Founded 2 years ago, the program has grown from four \$250 scholarships to 13 scholarships that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each in the humanities, medicine, engineering, business, music, Italian language and her specialized fields.

To apply for a 1999-2000 scholarship, send a SASE to NIAF Scholarships, 1860 9th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20009. The deadline is May 31.

Teen delegates invade capital

The Berkeley-Albany YMCA sent 29 teenage delegates from the Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville areas to Sacramento to participate in the 51st Annual California YMCA Model Legislature and Court on February 12-15.

The YMCA delegates took over the state Capitol building and chambers during the conference, serving as governors, enactors, assembly members, legislative pages, supreme court justices, lobbyists, and TV/press reporters.

Participants:
Albany YMCA:
Michael Edwards; Gentry Farley; Caitlin Fifer; Amanda Garcia; Russell Gazalas; Stephanie Hagar; Oriana Hair; Emily Jackson; Saman Joani; Sara Khosravi; Willis Lyon; Aja Moore; Kathryn Robinson; CeeDee Smallfield; Emma Swan; Priscil Vance; Oscar Whelan; Katie Clancy, Advisor; Mark Manasse, Advisor.

Bernard Laufenberg

OBITUARY

Albany resident Bernard Laufenberg died Feb. 13 at age 79. Mr. Laufenberg was born June 2, 1919.

He was retired from Operating Engineers, where he worked as a drilling contractor. He also retired from Berkeley Pump Company. He was a member of St. Ambrose and St. Jerome parishes, and was recently involved in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was the husband of Joan Bucher Laufenberg of Albany, father of Norman Laufenberg of Antioch, Christine Laufenberg of Cul-

ing, Dana Balding, Gage Laufenberg and Guy Laufenberg.

Contributions in his name may be made to the St. Mary's College/High School Scholarship Fund, 1294 Albinia Ave., Berkeley, CA 94706; VNA-Hospice, 1900 Powell St., Suite 300, Emeryville, CA 94608; or St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 308 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

After an hour's chat with Susan Wittenberg, I left with a feeling of great admiration for the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund, for the wonderful things it is accomplishing in that very needy district, and for the woman who is Executive Director of that Fund. Along with that was a feeling of hope that with organizations and people such as these, great things can happen to the children, not only here, but in other districts where such funds and people are also active.

The Ed. Fund, as it is called, started out small about 16 years ago. But from the beginning it had a three-pronged mission: To provide mini grants for projects other than the required curriculum, to enhance the curriculum, to encourage teachers to be creative — programs that neither the school board nor the schools could fund. The second prong was Teaching Excellence awards, recognizing outstanding teachers at a banquet where students, parents and the public could see and appreciate the fine work of the award winners. And, third, to add Supplementary Programs to the regular curriculum.

Originally the mini grants were \$300 each, but that has now increased to \$500, for special programs created by teachers for their classes. There are also \$1,000 grants to schools. Last year, Wittenberg said proudly, the Ed. Fund gave out 65 grants totaling close to \$40,000. She showed me the 1998/99 Annual Report of Grants, and I was struck by the variety and creativity, and by the sheer wonder and magic of having someone — or somes — recognize the true worth of such activities.

They included grants for funds to transport 80 3rd graders from Chavez Elementary School to the Richmond Plunge for swimming lessons; a violence intervention program at Nystrom School; funds to create a school garden and restore a native plant site at Olinda School and a similar grant to Stege; funds to provide students at Grant 18 sessions of Poets in the Schools; to provide hands-on, school-wide assemblies on marine science at Harding; to honor Paul Robeson by designing and implementing special curriculum and a commemorative mural at Lake; and on and on.

Susan Wittenberg is a dynamic woman, who is also a consultant in designing and instruction of technical writing. Married to Ham, a lawyer, they have "two wonderful daughters" and their two granddaughters are twins. There is so much to say about her, but time and space . . . There was too much to tell you about the Fund. But both the fund and the woman directing it are a welcome boon for the District and its students.

derful people on the board of the board just after the fund was started (after, she says, she learned the necessary to be a good board member). She realized that we undo the terrible things have been done to them.

Since becoming executive director, she says she really appreciates the fine, committed board the work with. They are all volunteers and spend much time and effort in raising a large part of the load, particularly in raising funds for the The board, she says, is made up of all kinds of people, including many others.

The supplementary programs become the largest part of the school programs for the last five years, sports, counseling, usually nighth/middle schools.

Many paid instructors from profit agencies, volunteers from El Cerrito and Pinole libraries, teachers from district schools provide some of the instructional program services close to 1,000 dren.

They also provide a range of instructional music performances which are brought into elementary schools, from the Oakland, East Bay Symphony, percussion performance by the Pacific Sticks, and by Just Say Jazz and by musicians from the San Francisco Symphony. The Fund started the program of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, now sponsored by the City of El Cerrito and the Richmond Auditorium (a family concert will be held May 28 and the Fund has a goal of 2,000 children to the performance, aided by the East Bay Community Foundation and the Fund store in El Cerrito.)

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I met Susan Wittenberg when I went to a reception for Michael's daughter — a double blessing.

Again, I invite all of you to me your ideas: interesting programs, events, organizations, etc. Write to me at 555 Pierce St., Albany, CA 94706, or call 514-5454. My email is crgenser@aol.com

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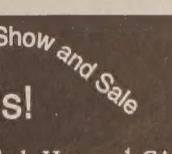
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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

March 29, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., a.m.s Library

Albany High School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's or Lucky certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429.

■ March 4, Instructional Improvement Council Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Room 53.

■ March 5-7, "Fiddler on the Roof," AHS Little Theater

■ March 11, Principal's Roundtable, 5 p.m., AHS Room 53 March 12-14, "Fiddler on the Roof," AHS Little Theater

Albany Middle School

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Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Janet Nichols at 526-6259.

■ March 4, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library. Topic: Gay/Lesbian Committee GLIC will discuss ways to address student safety; parent input welcome.

■ Saturday March 27, AUSD Curriculum Director Marianne Camp will meet with AMS parents to discuss AMS curriculum, 10 a.m., a.m.s Library.

Cornell Elementary School

March 10, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Library

Marin Elementary School

■ Marin PTA has voted to support the Parcel Tax Committee. Fundraising now in progress.

■ March 6, Family Math Saturday. Call Janice Bettiga at 527-2562 for more information and scheduling. March 11, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.,

Teachers' Lounge

Albany Citizens Parcel Tax Committee

March 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1604 Solano Ave., Albany (Law Office of Robert Cheasty) VOTE FOR the Parcel Tax on June 8! Save Albany's Strong Schools!

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AUSD Board of Education

March 9, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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A simple but powerful formula

By Sallie DeWitt
GUEST COLUMNIST

Good news! Your garden-variety public school — even a failing school in a low-income district — can become a model in a few short years. The miracle cure? An outstanding principal supported by parents and an involved community.

That's precisely what turned around Washington Elementary, in Richmond, California. In 1992, Washington was foundering under a half-time principal.

The school district had just declared bankruptcy, neighborhood families were sending their kids elsewhere and rumor had it that the school might be closed. In response to this crisis, local business owners — I'm one of them — formed The Washington School Many Hands Project.

We organized volunteers, started

an Adopt-a-Class program, and we lobbied the district for a full-time principal. In 1993, we got one: Kaye Burnside.

Today, just five years later, Washington is a model to learn from. Last year it was toured by more than 1,000 visitors, including the city mayor, the chancellor of UC-Berkeley, Congressman George Miller, Governor Pete Wilson, and even a delegation from Norway.

Enrollment is up 120 percent, and there is a waiting list for both students and teachers.

People argue about how a turnaround like this can happen. What's the key? Good teachers? Student discipline? Parent involvement? Technology? Facilities? Money? At Washington we know all these are important, but we have no chicken and the egg dilemma.

We know which comes first: Strong leadership. If you have a strong leader like Kaye Burnside — and you give that leader support from parents and the community — all the rest will follow. It's that simple.

Which is not to say it's easy. Kaye Burnside arrived with a vision that she fought for with the tenacity of an entrepreneur. She lobbied the school district. She cajoled outsiders. She demanded and modeled respect and high expectations for all members of the school community, motivating students, teachers and parents to reach for lofty goals.

Countless evening and weekend hours went into this effort — both her own and her staff's. Kaye spearheaded a monumental grant-writing effort bringing in more than \$500,000 above the district's budget. In a district with one of the strongest unions

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in the state, she reformed her teaching staff and supported them with ongoing teacher training.

Her "Never-say-Never" attitude didn't include the words can't, won't, or shouldn't. She made things happen when others said it couldn't be done. The result: A model public school — envied by others — with top-notch teachers, regular facility maintenance, a robust school-wide technology plan, student discipline, and a healthy budget.

My advice to those who want to improve schools is this: focus on school site leadership backed by parents and the community. The combination is the make-or-break-it element.

If you're in education you know this is true. You probably think this is self-evident, like "Mom and apple pie" — obvious! Remember that people outside education are generally confused about where to begin making changes in schools. Talk about what you know to be true. Reward your best principals. Herald the winners! Commit to having strong leaders in every school in your district — and call for support from the community. Make it happen. If you're not in education, visit your school and attend meetings; evaluate the principal's leadership and effectiveness like you would a business manager. If you find an outstanding principal, support them!

Acknowledge their good work openly, volunteer time, make requested donations, and let others know how well the school is doing. If you don't find a strong principal at your school, get involved and

lobby the district to make a change. Whenever a new principal is signed, pay close attention to her background, qualifications and reputation. That's what you're looking for: a good business manager, and it's not always with principals.

Last July, grateful business leaders and community activists in Richmond raised \$15,000 for Principal Burnside to write a book on how she turned the school around. We want others to know what we did to make Washington strong. Next year again we will settle for leadership in our schools. We want to see all the students in the district — indeed, across the state — supported by the caliber of leadership we've witnessed at Washington School.

While we know this is a long-term goal, that's our vision. We're going for it: Put excellent leaders in every school and call for them. It's a simple formula that works. It is possible that in just a short time we can make Washington a model, just like West Elementary.

Sallie DeWitt is co-founder of Washington School Many Hands Project. Want to receive West County School Watch delivered to your address?

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Gray Davis needs to find his place in the sun

Is Gray Ever White! I met what may well be the whitest man in our racially diverse state this week: Gov. Gray Davis. A guy who's surrounded by men in black.

And believe me, I know from white people. I live in the Great White North, Canada, for several years. In that heavily caucasoid country, Gordon Lightfoot is considered a soul singer. (One joke in the humor book I wrote about Canada: Q. What do you call black people in Toronto? A. "Tourists.") And his son has lived in Portland for six years. The kid was pretty pale when he went away to college, but six years in that rainy city have made him as pasty-looking as the natives.

Plus, I'm originally from Indiana, and you just don't get much whiter than that. OK, maybe Minnesota. Comic and Ohio native Martin Mull once did a funny series on HBO called "The History of White People in America." In it, "research" was cited — much of it about golf jokes — from "The Institute of White Studies in Zanesville, Ohio."

I met His Gray, er, His Whiteness at ABC Broadcast Central in San Francisco this week when I showed up to do my regular guest shot on Ronn Owens' popular talk show. Three dark-suited Secret Service types were killing out front at 900 Front Street.

I was scheduled to follow Davis on the air. (Tough gig, huh?) I walked into the station's "green room" and started chatting with a security guy hired by ABC. Two of Davis' bodyguards were in the KGO studio. "I once guarded the Secretary of State of Illinois," the guy told me with a straight face.

The governor's time was up, so I walked in the studio and introduced myself. Davis, who looks even more blanched-out in person, was talking with KGO radio boss Mickey Luckoff. We exchanged a few pleasantries after Davis reflexively shot out his hand for me to shake. The Governor said he'd read my column. (Yeah, right.) Our ghostly Governor and his dark-suited hired muscle then left the studio. He looked more like the governor of North Dakota.

The only one left in the studio who was dressed totally in black was talk host Owens, a consummate wiseass (like I should talk). A grin crossed his face. "Know what bothers me about that guy? He's just too darned ethnic for my taste."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: After I left KGO, it occurred to me that even with all the security, I'd still walked right up to the Governor carrying a briefcase no one had examined ... KGO boss Luckoff confirmed he'd "explored the possibility" of luring wingback Rush Limbaugh away from KBNR to KGO's conservative sister station KSFO, "but it didn't work out." That might be the reason contract negotiations with KSFO morning host Geoff Metcalfe had been on hold for months. But one

Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

KSFO colleague tells me, "Geoff's deal is now done," and he'll stay ... Popping into the studio during the radio show: Owens' pal Daphne Brogdon, who's Dr. Dean Edell's saucy producer. Daphne may be the busiest woman in local broadcasting these days. Brogdon now co-hosts "C-Net" with Richard Hart. And she's performing in an S.F. improv group. She's also doing commercial endorsements for everything from Bose radios to Total cereal ...

When KTVU early-morning news anchor Dianne Dwyer returns from maternity leave April 12, she'll have a new co-anchor. That's because the capable anchor-reporter who worked with her, Greg Liggins, is apparently on the way out at the Oakland station. I'm told Liggins has been given until May to find a new job. Why? Liggins' proposed new contract calls for him to do reporting as well as anchoring, and Liggins apparently wants to anchor only. So KTVU's veteran Washington correspondent, Mark Curtis, who's been filling in, will be Dwyer's new anchor-deck partner. Liggins WILL be doing a bit more anchoring, though: Starting tomorrow he'll fill in for regular Channel 2 weekend anchor Julie Haener, who's just taken off for maternity leave and whose baby is due next week. This means that the Oakland cash machine is short two-thirds of its blonde anchors for the next month ... And although San Leandro's Brian Copeland is out as "Mornings on 2's" interviewer, I hear from KTVU sources it's not just because of the reason given, that Copeland wants to return to stand-up comedy. There may also have been some salary issues between Copeland and shrewd Channel 2 boss Kevin O'Brien. I've asked Copeland to comment, but as of this writing, I haven't heard back from him. His "Copeland's Corner" commentaries on KTVU will continue, however ...

One senior exec at KRON has an interesting comment and prediction about the station's "Hat Lady," jolly film critic Jan Wahl. "We're going to try to

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ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

BY DAVE TULLER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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77 Inevitable
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83 Worth

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88 "The King and I" role
89 Like a landowner
90 Some Oklahoma Indians

91 Land south of Judah

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13 Land south of Judah

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107 Like some sympathies
108 Most doll-like
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113 Like most store items
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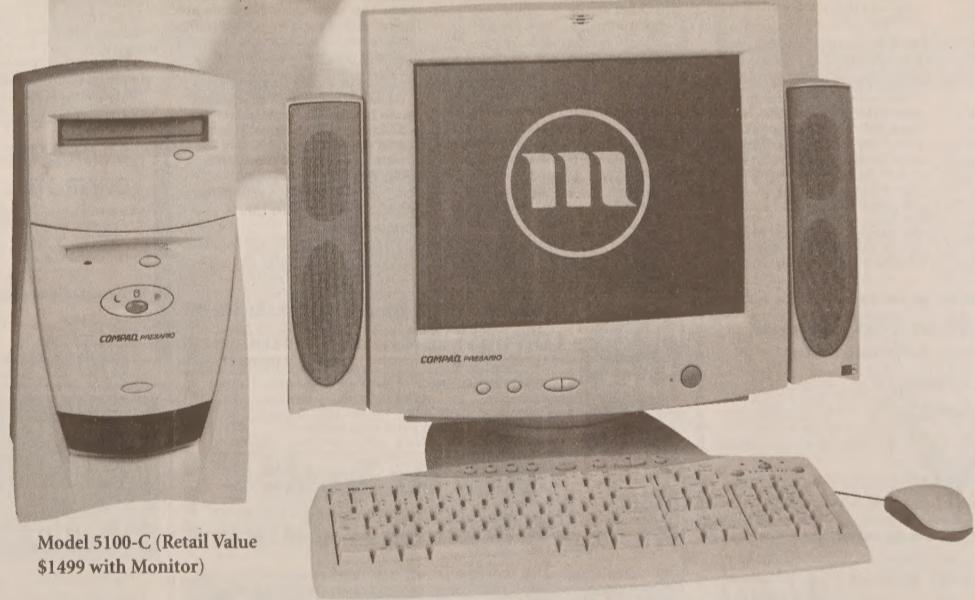
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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Plaza plans should be fine-tuned

By Peter Loubal

ook years, and a small for-
the El Cerrito Council to
there's not much we can do
the Plaza. On Feb. 10 the owners got their
to repay, in kind, the con-
and insults they had en-
in the past. On the receiving
Planning Commission /
Review Board members.
They were shown the site de-
only after the meeting started.
complaints that this was "a
a Pinole Vista rather than
Avenue", "a Plaza for au-
for people", were pooh-
The Plaza Company's Dorian
didn't even bother to show
was left to American/Lucky
George Ray to explain that
is nine-tenths of the
the commissioner's main
is rubber-stamp.
was a pity that the site plan,
the meeting's purpose were
ified in advance. There is
an intent on the various city
and their suggestions could
with traffic flow, pedestrian
or visual impacts.
of those of us who continue to
city staff and commissions
may ramrod their personal vi-
interest in the current
Plan, it was refreshing to
the rubber-stampers of city-
cited projects get their com-
ence.

The Plaza is too important to
engines and politics stand in
way. "The best design the
in money will pay for", still
true to be a good plan.
Regardless of all else,
ing must be comprehensive.
wers must present the
Plaza plan, not just the
en, Super-Lucky half, even if
and built first.
They have promised to re-
the old structures, to retain
er's Market and to donate
a south creek park or
Measure-C funded
is moved back to BART
not know if and when it will
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hundred commuters who
ate park their cars on the
are there illegally,
and affected residents
right to know how this will
with.
The owners can claim that
their new plan is less inten-
than the one for which the city
recently certified an Environ-
al Impact Report, they should
be forced to pay for a whole
IR.

ers want the project
without delay and it is
anyone's interest to have park-
access, auto circulation,
properly dealt with. The own-
not responsible for the
avenue traffic mess.
aps all this could be re-
the owners paying for
analysing by a competent
of their own choice,

Let us hope that American
Stores will not have to learn that
the customer is always right.

Concept muddies the waters

By Larry Damon
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Damon responds to Peter

At the outset you state that the
owers should "give" us an
und. This premise is very
ical and you have dis-
as a non-problem. That
our approach seem non-vi-
conceived at the outset.
idea also calls for building
ment store over a public
way. I can't think of any-
hat has been done and
sibly sure there are pro-
s against it.

There are also many Measure C
problems to be solved.
I am not sure Gottshalks
be located in such an
setting when another
level location seems to be a

more direct approach.

If you are really serious about
going forward, then as part of the
concept plan, you should list and
research these problems and pro-
ide solutions or recommendations
for each.

Merely coming up with a "con-
cept" and then leaving develop-
ment of a viable implementation
program to others isn't going to
work.

At this time the "concept" also
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the agreed development program
and has a tendency to hold things
up.

What we have to do is retain
our forces by first getting things
off dead center and letting the
Plaza owners do their thing.

Then, when that is done, we are
in a better position to explore al-
ternatives.

QUESTION TIME WITH AHS STUDENTS.



New packaging, familiar innards

You may have noticed this col-
umn's absence in recent weeks. You
may also have noticed the newly re-
designed Journal that debuted last
issue. This column has more or less
been on hold as we geared up for the
new design, which included switching
to a new computer system and
up-to-date methods for producing
the paper. It has taken weeks to work
out the bugs in such a major switch,
and some foul-ups were inevitable.

Witness the new masthead, which
had "Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington"
at the top, but also included the slogan
"Community newspaper of
Berkeley." So there's at least one
item to correct this week.

Other changes include a new e-
mail address for the paper, "journal@cttimes.com", and the editor
"ctreadway@cttimes.com", and new
phone numbers for the newsroom:
339-4060 and 339-4500. (The Journal's
voice mail remains the same,
236-9243.)

The mission of The Journal,
bringing you news of our commu-
nity, has not changed, however.

NOT GETTING AROUND TOWN: The reason San Pablo Avenue was closed between Fairmount and Central for nearly three hours in the early evening on Feb. 19 was an accident that resulted in an overturned vehicle. The driver of the car in question, who is suspected of being intoxicated at the time, was taken to John Muir Hospital and is said to be recovering after being in critical condition.

Around Town

By Chris Treadway
JOURNAL EDITOR

In the meantime, safety person-
nel closed San Pablo in both direc-
tions, diverting traffic toward Car-
son.

The following day another colli-
sion again, this one involving a driver
who ran a red light at Fairmount,
closed San Pablo for a time.

El Cerrito Police Chief Linda
Fellers is hoping her department will
land a grant it has applied for to in-
crease enforcement of traffic laws,
and reduce snarls on the avenue. The
need will grow as the signals are
timed to provide a smoother traffic
flow on the entire 20-mile length of
San Pablo from downtown Oakland
to Highway 4 in Hercules.

But there is another issue as well,

the lack of alternative routes when
incidents like this happen. A shooting
last year closed I-80 at rush hour,
sending traffic onto San Pablo and
demonstrating how ill-equipped the
avenue is to handle a major influx of traffic,
even with the synchronization of signals. "What will they
do if something really bad happens?"
asks El Cerritan Patty Berndt. For
those driving north-south any dis-
tance, San Pablo and I-80 are the
only alternatives, and both are bad
enough that traffic on residential
thoroughfares in El Cerrito and Al-
bany has increased dramatically in
recent years.

The prospect of clogged thor-
oughfares should also give be con-
sidered in the proposed reduction of
traffic lanes on Marin Avenue, the
main east-west artery in Marin and
north Berkeley.

AROUND TOWN: There's noth-
ing like advance planning. Prepara-
tions began last month for El Cerrito's
annual Earth Day cleanup, headed this year by Janet Abelson. There will be plenty of projects need-
ing help around town (contact this
space if you're interested in helping at
Harding Elementary), with a
planned special emphasis on El Cerrito
High School. If all the regulatory
hurdles can be cleared, volunteers
may also restripe parking spaces on
San Pablo Avenue. If you want to
help and/or are interested in a spec-
ific project, e-mail Abelson at "abelan-
et@aol.com" ... Planning also
started last month on this year's El
Cerrito July 4 Fair staged once again
by the forward-thinking Rotary Club
of El Cerrito, which celebrates its
50th anniversary next month. While
the July 4 effort lost a key player
when Fire Chief Steve Cutright de-
parted for Emeryville, it remains in
capable hands ... Interesting aspects of
the development agreement filed
by the Plaza co-owners for their
now-defunct "entertainment-oriented"
proposal: Several current uses
(the Mel-O-Dee lounge, the health
food store, the beauty products store)
would have to be "grandfathered" in,
but if any of those operations closes
no new similar uses would be al-

lowed. The agreement specifically
prohibits bowling alleys, trade
schools on ground floor space and
stores selling liquor for "off-premises
consumption."

It also spells out how the owners
would share costs to renovate the
privately owned Longs Drugs building,
which would likely be required to
gain Longs consent to the planned
changes around it, including the
sharing of the parking area in front
of it and allowing Lucky to include
a pharmacy in its new supermarket.
While the entertainment-oriented
concept is dead, it is expected that
the same stipulations will be included
in the forthcoming proposal ...

Meanwhile, some Albany parents
are banding about another pro-
posal: Putting the kids stuck in THS
(Temporary High School) into the
new middle school when it is com-
pleted, keeping the AHS kids where
they are until the new AHS project
is complete. Anyone who has seen
the corridor of the temp high school
has to have sympathy for this idea.
Which raises the question: Why hasn't
work started on the high school?
The grounds of the former building
look like an abandoned gas station
site ... And finally, thanks to the
sharp-eyed reader of this space who
noted that a recent item mentioned
the Post Office in the Richmond
Annex. As the reader pointed out (and
as we keep forgetting) the Post Office
is in El Cerrito. Good enough for
the "Community newspaper of
Berkeley," but not for The Journal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smarter uses than tax cut for surplus

Editor:

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going forward, then as part of the
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make basic medical coverage more available.

John Bauer

Redevelopment to me

Editor:

What does redevelopment mean to me? It
means many things, ranging from possibilities
to abuse of citizens and misuse of their money.
But to answer in a present, concrete, and
perennial way, let me offer the following.

By the end of this week, Maxwell Office Products
in El Cerrito will have gone out of business
forever. This store provided a quiet and pleasant
space with an excellent selection of items
nicely displayed in a very convenient manner.

Instead of tax cuts, a neighborly tax sur-
plus wish list could include: repair of Social
Security; reduce national debt; upgrade public
school structures; more screens against
domestic and foreign terrorists; reduce spec-
ial interest campaign finance; stop the man-
ufacture, sale and possession civilian munitions
capable of penetrating police vests; and

The replacement, Staples, provided by
redevelopment, is a singularly ugly space with harsh
and unpleasant lighting, awful music assaulting
me, a warehouse atmosphere (it is, in fact a warehouse
where some items are out of reach), with no visual aids to help you find your way, and
certainly no human being to provide any assistance.
Selection in this huge space seems to be
less than in the wonderful small space it dis-
placed. To add insult to injury, all writing
instruments and markers are tightly packaged in
hard plastic, in quantities of four or more. No
chance of testing anything here! And who needs
the clearly excessive quantities? I think the an-
swer has to be no one except Staples.

This is what redevelopment means to me.

And what about the practical result of this re-
development? I will be doing business at the very
pleasant Radston's in Richmond. If that excel-
lent business should fail, I will go to Berkeley.
Notice that neither of these is El Cerrito.

Tom Smithberger

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... were it left to me to decide whether we
should have a government without newspapers,
or newspapers without a government, I should
not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Parks

FROM PAGE A1

The \$4,500 fix will repair tiles and fiberglass surfaces and the work will be guaranteed for one year. After that, the repair may last a year or two, but there is no guarantee, Kortz explained.

"We've done a good job keeping the pool together, but stress is showing," Kortz added.

She said the "ballpark" estimate of fixing the swim center properly is "at least a half a million dollars."

The Parks and Recreation Commission embarked on a series of public and neighborhood meetings and questionnaire mailings in 1997 to discover what people want in their city parks and recreational facilities.

Park priorities stated at these meetings include upgrading unsafe playground equipment, a Monterey pine and eucalyptus tree removal program, a better Hillsides Natural Area fire reduction plan and path lighting at city parks.

Concerning recreational facilities, people wanted the community and swim center rehabilitated, they wanted Canyon Trail Clubhouse reopened, and access improved to Poinsett Huber clubhouse and the Harding Park outdoor restroom.

People also wanted restroom facilities provided at Central and Creekside parks and deferred maintenance done at several sites.

Many in the community would also like to see the clubhouses restaffed "as they were 20 or 30 years ago" and would like to see a new multi-use field and gymnasium and teen center.

The problem is how to pay for these improvements and continued repair of the facilities.

"Let's suppose it's a million, let's suppose it's \$2 million, let's suppose

it's \$3 million — I'd still like to see an analysis where you say — what is it that people are willing to spend?" said Mayor Gina Brusatori at the meeting.

"It may be \$25 a year or \$50 a year or \$75 a year," she added.

"How much would it take?" to rehabilitate the recreational facilities, asked Councilwoman Jane Bartke.

She suggested "a capital improvement bond that could be put together by citizens within the city for the parks."

Councilman Mark Friedman suggested a "pay as you go" for most improvements (the swim center would be an exception, he said).

Councilman Norman La Force suggested linking the park and recreation improvement plans with street improvement and other city needs "to appeal to the broadest constituency of voters."

According to a report prepared last October for the Committee of the Whole by the Community Services Division, total building maintenance and park maintenance costs are estimated at \$969,788. However, the upper limit of one total estimate is \$1,350,000. Costs to rehabilitate the swim center are estimated at \$531,400.

These costs apparently do not include "turf and irrigation" system rehabilitation throughout the city park system, which would add another \$300,000 to \$500,000. Development of a multi-use play field at Portola Junior High is estimated at \$700,000.

Additionally, the report notes in several places that these estimates need further refinement.

Concerning the swim center costs, for example, the report states that "for true costs a consultant must be hired" to determine the severity of the center's deterioration.

The request for proposals process for the swim center and Canyon Trail Clubhouse repairs should pin down the true costs of those two projects.

such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such."

Thomsen said such wording "is not clear to me," and asked why a violation of an ordinance would be "permitted to continue." The mayor asked if there was a way the city attorney could rewrite the section so people could understand it.

Though Zweben attempted to explain the intent of the passage and suggested law enforcement officials could be taught how to interpret it, Thomsen did not relent and the city attorney agreed to clarify the phrasing.

Ultimately council members asked city staff to clarify sections that were unclear and to bring it to members of the Parks and Recreation Commission for their input.

Councilman Allan Maris requested that at the next council meeting, members of the shoreline commission, as well as representatives from the parks, be invited to discuss the proposed ordinance with the council and members of the community.

City Administrator Daren Fields agreed and suggested the first reading of the measure would probably not occur until April 15.

Other council business

Christine Monsen, Executive Director of the Alameda County Transportation Authority, asked the council for suggestions that would enable the continued funding of what is known as Measure B, a 1/2-cent sales tax for "transportation issues" approved by voters in 1986.

Meniketti later suggested that until the future of the bulb is finalized, the city should consider providing portable toilets to the residents there, as well as trash cans and fresh water.

Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma encouraged council members to agree to a first reading of the measure, which requires two readings before it can be enacted into law.

Ritzma, who revised her earlier estimate of bulb residents from 150 to 77, said she had been in contact with social service agencies in Berkeley about the future of people living there.

Ritzma said the bulb residents she had spoken with understand they need to move but want to know when, a point she suggested makes a time-line for their eviction urgent.

Though currently there are no conclusive plans about what to do with the former dump once residents are evicted, Ritzma said social agencies she consulted suggested people living there should be "relocated" this summer due to the shortage of homeless shelters during the winter.

All members of the council said they wanted to move forward on the proposed ordinance, but Councilman Ed McManus said since the proposal could affect all parks, it is important to consider regulations that might impact them.

Avoiding 'legalese'

Mayor Peggy Thomsen (whose name was on the proposed ordinance) questioned language she said was written in "legalese," and was consequently not clear to members of the public. Specifically she challenged a clause that stated "each day



CHRIS TREADWAY

Attention shoppers

NOBODY WAS INJURED last Friday when a man in a late-model car apparently hit the wrong pedal and crashed through the plate glass window of the 7-Eleven on Stockton in El Cerrito shortly before 10 a.m. The collision sent glass, the magazine rack and other displays across the floor. "There was a lot of noise, a lot of noise," said the regional representative of the franchise's parent firm, the Southland Corporation, who was standing in front of the window with the store's clerk, "just 15 seconds before. At least nobody was hurt. We can fix the building." Police and fire crews attended to the driver.

Mystery

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"It's the most moral of all the genres. The good guy always wins. It's a battle between good and evil—between Lucifer and Michael and the good guy always wins."

— Sister CarolAnne O'Marie

Catholic and was vice principal for development at Carondelet High School in Concord.

O'Marie said her order "serves the dear neighbor in any capacity in which they are not being served." About 10 years ago O'Marie and another nun, Sister Maureen Lyons, co-founded A Friendly Place, a drop-in center and a residence manor for homeless women in Oakland.

A Friendly Place on San Pablo Avenue serves more than 1,800 women each month.

O'Marie describes it as a place where women can maintain their "self respect" and "take care of basic needs — showers, toilets, safety and warmth." The center operates on donations from individuals and groups and from on-site sales of O'Marie's books.

The building is an island of dignity and cleanliness in a area of Oakland known for drugs and crime, barred windows and trash on the sidewalk.

At the center, you find women talking and laughing and taking care of themselves.

Some are barefooted — some wear several layers of clothing — some seem to have all their worldly goods in a nearby basket.

But they all seem to know that, at least for a while, they are in a safe place and that A Friendly Place is just what the name says it is.

O'Marie said some of her patrons are mentally ill, but adds that drug abuse is the "single biggest problem." She said the program has helped many people get back on their feet and added "we have several sunshine stories."

Sometimes the kindnesses and tender mercies provided at A Friendly Place are quite simple.

O'Marie told the group gathered at the bookstore about a woman named Caroline who used to frequent A Friendly Place.

She described Caroline as a "very scrambled" woman who wore her pantyhose on her head "tied into a bow."

O'Marie said Caroline would sometimes use phrases such as "gross national product," so people suspected "that somewhere in there she had had a different life." O'Marie said that smoking cigarettes was one thing that helped Caroline "get her calm back." Unfortunately, others on the street would sometimes steal cigarettes from this scrambled soul.

So one of the sisters tried to convince Caroline to let her hold the cigarettes and dole them out to her to keep them safe from theft.

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"Do you give dividends?"

EL CERRITO GOALS FOR 1999-2000

- Develop a measure to the city budget stable
- Initiate a written economic development plan for the city
- Draft a ballot measure to finance park and recreation

Goals

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Bartke, who has been involved in these goal-setting working during her tenure on the council, said this workshop was "council-wide." While sipping on mineral sodas from an ice cooler, Bartke first listed 19 possible targets they most wanted to accomplish in the next 12 months.

Possible goals were large white paper sheets taped on the walls of the fire training room. After much discussion and debate, this year's were winnowed down to 15 to the final seven. There were ballots marked their preferences.

The three top 1999-2000 goals "we are unanimous on" are: Mayor Gina Brusatori, who should develop a written economic development for the city should be implemented, so that city park and recreation facilities are being developed.

Both the park and recreation city budget stabilization ties call for some kind of financing mechanism to success priorities include creek and stream enhancement and rest developing a "financing mechanism" for the city's club houses, center and public safety buildings, making them seismically safe by developing specific plans for Norte and midtown areas.

The council also wants to have a city-wide discussion about creating a community center which would include a city hall, cultural and an arts and history center. Long-term goals for 2005 include expansion of economic development and a financially responsible city government. Continued safety, investment in infrastructure and expanding specific plans for Norte and midtown areas.

Recognition and celebrating "broad diversity" in the community was also added to the long-term goals this year. At the suggestion of Councilman Mark Friedman, the council agreed to adopt a plan "to reach these goals." The plan will include specific tasks, get dates and will show who is responsible for doing what. Reports will be made to the council regarding progress toward goals.

The council will see a draft action plan in late March and integrated "master work plan" to be implemented. "We need to see the big picture and then we'll make some decisions," Friedman noted. Towards the end of the workshop, when the matter of drafting a council code of conduct was discussed, the debate became heated. The first of the "hot topics" was the "house rule" that would be adopted. Friedman stated: "If you see an error in a question, go to the city manager/staff/mayor/chair (or the Board of Education) prior to the meeting." The Councilman Larry Damon's rule "has Brown Act problems over it," referring to the requirement that the councilmember is the off-line and that public meetings are being dealt with private smacks of off-line, clandestine meetings," Damon contended. But he disagreed. Several council members said they sometimes call or prior to council meetings or clarify items on the agenda.

Bartke said she considers "common courtesy" for councilmembers to give staff prior about problems they have and that they will ask at a meeting.

She also noted the "house rules" don't preclude later questions. "House rules don't mean your questions during the meeting," Bartke told Damon. Brusatori, giving a heads-up on the meeting prepared to answer questions. "It helps us process along," she explained.

"We can talk to the city manager — it doesn't violate the Brown Act," pointed out Councilman La Force. However, were made in the community conduct rules.

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Assaults

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same.

Detectives from Berkeley, El Cerrito, Pinole and Richmond are working on the cases. Richmond police said their patrol officers are on heightened alert. An internal memo circulated Friday details each of the incidents and notes the similar physical description of the three rapists.

There were no representatives of the Sierra Club present to support or oppose her contention.

blue, old-model Cadillac or Chevrolet with white upholstery was different from the light-brown or tan Jeep-style vehicle described by the victims in the earlier attacks this week.

"It's premature to conclude that this is a serial rapist. We don't even know if it's the same guy," said Sgt. Allyn Brown, spokesman for Richmond police. "But people should be aware of these recent incidents."

Brown said residents should not accept rides from strangers and, if they feel threatened, should run to safety and call police.

Berkeley police refused to give much detail about Friday's rape.

Though they confirmed the woman was raped at the marina, they would not disclose the woman's age, whether the attack occurred in the car or if she was threatened with a weapon.

The attack Friday began about two miles from the spot where the South Berkeley woman was forced into a car along Macdonald Avenue. The woman, who was visiting Richmond for the day on business, was then driven to the 1700 block of Liberty Street in El Cerrito and raped.

Miller warned citizens to be especially cautious of strangers offering rides. "Be careful, if a ride is offered, refuse and go on your way. If you have to cross a street to get there, do it immediately."

and raped in the parking lot of the Pinole Vista shopping center.

In each case, the suspect was driving in a vehicle when he approached the woman and tried to speak with her, police said. In at least one case, the man followed the woman in his car, blocked her path as she attempted to cross an intersection and forced her into the car at knifepoint, police said.

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Panthers thinking NCS Div. IV finals

St. Mary's boys healthy, at No. 4 Drake tonight

By Mike McGreehan

To look at the North Coast Section Division IV boys basketball seedings, one would have expected No. 5 St. Mary's High School to have a landslide win at home over first-round opponent Kelseyville.

And the Panthers enjoyed just that type of win when the teams met Tuesday night.

St. Mary's got off to an early lead and never looked back in an 88-52 clobbering of the Indians.

"All in all, our kids played hard and we did what we were supposed to do," said Panthers coach Jose Caraballo. "Now that we're healthy, I think we're good enough to win NCS."

Caraballo will get no debate from Kelseyville, as St. Mary's (16-12) led from start to finish.

The Panthers now look ahead to tonight's second-round game at No. 4 seed Sir Francis Drake (17-11) at 7:30.

Drake, the same school the St. Mary's girls team beat Tuesday night, had a first-round bye in boys playoff action.

After tonight's games, the NCS semifinals will be played Friday with the championship Saturday. And if the Panthers can play as they did in the first round - well, maybe Caraballo is on to something.

Team effort

St. Mary's enjoyed an outstanding team effort. Ebon Glenn finished with 20 points and James Harris added 19 more to lead the way. But theirs weren't the only great efforts.

Victor Vinters finished with 12 points. He also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Lorenzo Alexander added nine points and seven rebounds.

John Sharper and Chase Moore came off the bench to score seven and six points, respectively. Dashawn Freeman added five points. Kelley Dixon and Terrence Boyd scored four each. Adam Mott and Phillip finished with two.

In addition, Freeman had five steals and Harris dished out four assists.

St. Mary's started quickly, scoring the game's first three baskets for a 6-0 lead. But the Panthers didn't break clear immediately. Kelseyville tried to make a game of it early, even pulling to within one point on two occasions.

As time wore down in the first quarter, though, the Panthers started to make their move. When Harris netted a 3-pointer, St. Mary's had a 20-12 lead with 2:08 left in the period. Some 32 seconds later, Harris netted a pair of free throws to make the score 22-12 - St. Mary's first double-digit lead.

At quarter's end, the Panthers led 24-14, then proceeded to add to that advantage.

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STEVE MASLANKA

ST. MARY'S Desirea English (23) drives past Holy Names Kendra Boyd (50) in the league final Saturday night at Alameda High. The Lady Panthers lost that game, but went on to win beat Sir Francis Drake in the first round of the North Cost Section Division IV girls basketball playoffs at St. Mary's High on Tuesday.

St. Mary's first-ever NCS victory

Lady Panthers in 2nd round tonight

By Peter Mentor

Desirea English stole the ball with four seconds remaining in the game and was immediately decked to the floor.

The St. Mary's High senior got up, went to the free-throw line and hit both her shots for a 48-44 lead. English then stole the ball as Sir Francis Drake hurried to get up the court.

Time ran out and St. Mary's preserved its biggest victory in school history for the

girls basketball program.

The Lady Panthers had just won their first-ever North Coast Section playoff game and they did it at home Tuesday night in front of a supportive crowd.

St. Mary's (21-8) now faces No. 3 seed Ursuline High (19-9) in the second round of the NCS Division IV playoffs tonight at 8 p.m. at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa.

The Lady Panthers were joyous after the game, which was a rematch of their first NCS action last year.

"All I was thinking was I have to make those free throws," said English. "I'm extremely excited that we pulled this out. We played as a team and we won it."

It was a big win. In the three years since the start of a girls program at St. Mary's, the team has been to North Coast twice this year and last.

After a first year of building the program from scratch, the Lady Panthers faced Drake last year in the first round and lost 45-44.

This time around, the Lady Panthers played just well enough to pull out the victory.

It was an ugly game, one in which St. Mary's led 16-3 midway through the second quarter only to go into the half tied 20-20.

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Gauchos turn it on to win league crown

El Cerrito is No. 1 seed in North Coast

By Mike McGreehan

For the first two quarters Friday night, El Cerrito High School played at the level one would expect of a very good boys prep basketball team.

In the third quarter, however, the Gauchos were a great team, as they scored 11 points en route to a 78-56 dismantling of De Anza in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Super Power Division championship at Alameda High.

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American (21-8) beat unseeded San Lorenzo 64-35 in first-round action Tuesday.

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Berkeley has an iron in the Div. 1 fire

Jacket-Dragon semifinal predicted at North Coast on Friday

By Mike McGreehan

Year after year, the North Coast Section Division I playoffs offer high-quality boys prep hoops to area basketball junkies who just live for this time of the year.

And this year promises to be no different. With its usual cast of characters - number one De La Salle, number two Bishop O'Dowd and number four St. Joseph - Division I promises to be another barn-burner. Even the most casual fan should enjoy the competition, too.

In addition to the three aforementioned basketball powers, Berkeley High School will have a hand in the torching of this year's barn.

When the NCS announced its first-round pairings Sunday, Berkeley (21-5) had earned the third seed and was scheduled to face Pittsburg (15-10) on Wednesday.

A first-round win would pit the Jackets against the Dragons of O'Dowd (23-5) Friday in another great matchup of

Berkeley's best boys team vs. Oakland's best boys team.

Perfect in league

Berkeley secured its high seed in large part by winning the East Bay Athletic League title. And the Yellowjackets did that in commanding fashion, going undefeated in EBAL play at 14-0.

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Jackets show why they are No. 1 seed

Berkeley girls thrash Pittsburg, play Castro Valley Friday

By Mike McGreehan

Berkeley High School had by far the most prolific and most exciting girls basketball team in the East Bay this year.

The Yellowjackets went undefeated in East Bay Athletic League play, beating their closest rival, Amador Valley, twice in the process.

So it came as no surprise, then, when the Yellowjackets earned the No. 1 seed in North Coast Section Division I play when first-round brackets were announced Sunday.

Berkeley more than justified that seeding at home Tuesday, thrashing first-round opponent Pittsburg 80-24.

The Yellowjackets (22-5) are set to play Friday night in the NCS semifinals against Castro Valley (24-6), a 54-36 first-round winner over Mission San Jose.

Castro Valley upset Bishop O'Dowd in the Hayward Area Athletic League finals to get the No. 4 seed in this division.

Pittsburg blowout

Berkeley had little trouble in its first-round game against Pittsburg. The game's outcome was never in doubt, as the Jackets took command early with a 26-4 lead after one quarter.

Aisha Hollans paced the Yellowjackets with 19 points, and Coriel Davis added 11 more.

The rest of the offense was spread around as 15 players took part in the scoring.

Robin Roberson had nine points, Celeste Jenkins eight and Erica McGloston seven for the Yellowjackets.

Angelita Hutton finished with five points, while Natasha Bailey and Nichole Hardaway tossed in four apiece.

Lillian Burnett and Danielle Milburn each scored three points. Joshua Miles, Fele Uperesa and Sabrina Keys had two apiece.

Hayovel Yisreal and Lauren Chambers each had a free throw.

After its monster first quarter, Berkeley continued its supercharged play by outscoring the Pirates 21-3 in the second.

With a 40-point halftime lead, coach Gene Nakamura had the luxury of giving all his substitutes a taste of playoff competition. Still, Pittsburg's starters were no match, as the Yellowjackets' lead grew to 66-16 by the end of the third quarter.

Berkeley tuned up for NCS play last Friday by closing its EBAL campaign with a 91-38 win over California High. With the win, the Yellowjackets finished their regular season a perfect 14-0.

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Top seeds rested

Bay Valley Athletic League champion De La Salle received the number one seed after posting an overall record of 26-0. The Spartans have a first-round bye, then take on the winner of the St. Joseph-James Logan game on Friday.

O'Dowd had a bye Wednesday after the original NCS schedule was torn asunder Tuesday morning.

Originally, O'Dowd was to play James Logan on Wednesday with St. Joseph facing Deer Valley. But Deer Valley was ruled ineligible Tuesday, forcing a schedule change.

Deer Valley had inadvertently misstated its record against Division I opponents at Sunday's seedings. The

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Taekwondo

The 30th annual U.C. Open Taekwondo Championships will take place at the Kaiser Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. on March 20. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 general admission. Children under 5 are free and group discounts are available. For more information, call the University of California Martial Arts Program at 642-3268. Information is also available on the Internet at www.ucmap.org.

Basketball

The Hoop-It-Up World Tour 3-on-3 basketball competition will make a stop in Oakland for the seventh consecutive year on April 24-25. Hoop-It-Up is open to players 8 and older with divisions for all skill levels. More than 3,600 participants are expected to compete in the parking lots of the Oakland Coliseum this year. Entry fees are \$98 per team or \$140 for the ultra-competitive Top Gun Division. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 14. For details, call the Hoop-It-Up hotline at 1-888-997-PLAY. Or visit the official tour website at www.hoopitup.com.

Bay Area Youth Sports will host its eighth annual tournament of champions March 19-21. The tournament is open to boys and girls

from fifth grade to high school varsity. Cost is \$225 per team and games will be played in Alameda and San Leandro. Teams are expected from all over California. For details, call 1-925-283-4297.

Bay Area Youth Sports will hold its 14th annual spring league for boys and girls every weekend from March 27-May 9. Teams range from fourth and fifth graders to high school varsity players. For more information, call 1-925-283-4297.

Student-athletes with a special aptitude for basketball are being sought for the Nor-Cal select travel program. Games will be played on weekends from March 20-Aug. 15. Tryouts are open to players in grades 6-11 and are being set up now. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to schedule a tryout, call 582-6563.

Soccer

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League will hold tryouts for its under-14 girls Class I and III teams at the San Lorenzo Community Center "Duck Pond" at 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. All tryouts run from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tryout dates are: Sunday, March 14; Sat-

urday, March 27; Sunday April 11. For details, call Paul McCallion at 317-7938.

The Alameda Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Mavericks will hold Class I boys tryouts on six dates. Tryout dates for the under-11 to under-14 age groups are: Sunday, March 7 and Sunday, March 14 at Fielding Field; and Sunday, March 21 at Eastshore Field. Tryout dates for under-15 through under-19 are: Sunday, April 25, Sunday, May 2 and Sunday, May 9 at Eastshore. For more information, call 655-8500. Those interested in Class III boys soccer are encouraged to contact one of the following clubs: Albany-Berkeley (348-1339), El Cerrito (869-KICK) and Mersy (524-4625).

In-line skating

CalFit of UC-Berkeley Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports is offering a two-hour in-line skating class from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. Participants will receive instruction on safety and injury prevention. Full protective gear (helmet, wrist, knee and elbow pads) is mandatory. Cost is \$20 for Cal students, \$22 for Cal Rec members and \$24 for non-members. For details, call 643-5151.

St. Mary's can't match Monarchs

By Peter Mentor

Experience counts, especially in a league final. St. Mary's found that out last Saturday when it was hit by the juggernaut Holy Names.

The Monarchs won their fifth straight Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Powerhouse Division after beating Lady Panthers 51-35 Saturday night at Alameda High.

For a few minutes the game looked the way a championship game is supposed to look, then it slipped away fast into another Holy Names rout.

At one moment it was 6-6, then the Monarchs went on a 24-0 run and it was over. Holy Names outscored St. Mary's 15-1 in the second quarter for a 30-7 lead at the break.

The Panthers have some talented players, the difference being patience. St. Mary's program is only three years old and the team does not have the experience to stay with a Holy Names.

The Monarch, on the other hand, had been there before and they knew just what to do.

"We have patience with ourselves because we're confident with our skills," said Boyd, one of three seniors who have never lost a league title game in four years. "When our team is patient we're successful."

Holy Names coach Dennis Flannery had a plan to forge a big lead as quickly as possible to ruin any idea of a upset. It worked.

"We felt if we could get up on them they would go away," said Flannery. "It was 6-6, then all of a sudden we got a run and they couldn't sustain it. They got very passive with the trap and I thought that played right to our hands."

Lorena Ahumada had an off night, but the Holy Names senior's two 3-point baskets were big.

One of those bombs came during the run in the second quarter that pushed the lead into double digits.

Ahumada hit the other one in the third quarter just before the Panthers had an 11-0 run. That meant a grand sweep of eight points for St. Mary's and Holy Names still led 38-21.

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to counter that run and the lead was back to 25 points.

St. Mary's outscored Holy Names 10-1 to end the game and make the final score look a little more respectable.

The Panthers had a couple of 3-pointers from seldom used Chantel Cain, who was wearing a junior varsity uniform and looked like a ringer from the parking lot.

Notes

Boyd tied for game scoring honors with Lauren Presley, who also had 12 points. Ahumada finished with seven points and Chandra Bailey had six points.

St. Mary's was paced by D'esire English and Joslyn Shelton, each with eight points. Cain had her six, while Robyn Bynes, Celeste McGruder and Spring Harris had four points apiece.

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English hit one of two at 46-44 and Drake came up the floor. The Lady Pirates took their final timeout with 8.1 seconds left. English made her steal, went down and the rest was history.

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Boys

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Wolverines claimed a 6-5 record when in actuality it was 4-4.

The games in question were two wins and a loss against fellow BVAL school Liberty, which had been a Division I school before an enrollment drop placed it in Division II at the start of the school year.

The leaves O'Dowd and De La Salle rested for their semifinal games.

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TO TANGO, starring Zalman Mlotek and Adrienne Cooper from New York, is at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 1/2 Ave., in March 7 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 14th annual Jewish Music Festival. On Sunday, March 14 Stuart Brotman directs festival finale, "Finif, the Fine Art of Klezmer Doina, at 7:30 p.m. at JUCC, 1414 Walnut St. in Berkeley.

Jewish Music Festival

The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents the 14th annual Jewish Music Festival March 7-14 at various locations in the Bay Area. Highlights of the Festival include an evening of cabaret songs from the Polish and Lithuanian ghetto during the Holocaust with Yiddish music specialist Zalman Mlotek and acclaimed singer Adrienne Cooper, world-renowned Cantor Haim Louk presenting a traditional tapestry from Morocco; a full bill of "Jewish music on the air" with the jazz fusion of John Brotman and Company and the acapella voices and hard rock beat of the Flying Hostess. Other events include Spanish love songs, music from the Fertile Crescent and the art of Jim Brotman with Finif, Stuart Brotman's new string ensemble. Tickets information: 848-0237.

clowning in Albany

Put on your hats Sunday at Albany Community Center Theatre, the Buddy Club kids presents Jim Beatty's "Happy Theatre," Jim Bidi and Pol E. with two hilarious physical Chaplin comedians, chasing and running after each other as they prepare to clean up their house. Hostess is singer Randy McEvoy, who has every kid correcting his "I bee stung me on my knee" mistake. The fun starts at the Community Center, 1249 Ave. Tickets: \$6 under age 2 details: 652-SHOW.

Kahn exhibition

And spirit are wed in the visually and spiritually vibrant paintings of Judah L. Magnes Museum of Tobi Kahn: "Metamorphosis," opening Sunday and running through May 23. The West premiere of the exhibit opens on Sunday from 2 p.m. featuring the artist and Stanley Department of Art History Emeritus Peter Selz. The exhibit is emotionally powerful works between 1982 and 1995 by the son of refugees who lost their lives in the Holocaust. The exhibit is presented with the collaboration of the Graduate Theological Union at the Magnes Museum, Russell St. in Berkeley. Details: 832-5057.

Concert Saturday

March 6 El Cuadro Flamenco to the stage at La Pena, 3105 1/2 Ave. in Berkeley at 8:30 p.m. An electrifying evening of flamenco music and dance. Tickets: \$15. 449-2658. On Sunday, March 7, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawrence in Kensington, presents New in a concert of music by Bay Area composers. Works performed include: "Circol," by Peter Armer; "Scratch Etude," by Peter Wilson; "Cave of Swimmers," by Lucy Cox; "Orpheus Cycle," by Herb Berger; and "Cyber," by Herb Berger. Suggested donation is \$15. Details: 525-0302.



STUART BROTMAN

Ah, Napoli

A performance of Neapolitan songs presented by tenor John Cotrufo, accompanied by piano, mandolin, guitar, accordion and bass, will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at The Chapel, 1789 Scenic Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, students.

Leon Roberts tribute

St. Mary-St. Francis de Sales Church, 707 Jefferson St. (between Seventh and Eighth streets), in Oakland, presents Leon Roberts and Friends in Concert directed by Lidia Carlos Reyes on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Lidia's talented friends are Jesse Manibusan, from St. Joseph Church, Alameda; Janet Whitaker, All Saints Church, Hayward; Rufino Zaragoza, OFM, San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville and Ken Canedo, St. Monica Church, Moraga. All are composers in the Oakland Diocese and will be backed by a choir of people from throughout the Bay Area. Leon Roberts, who was to have been a part of the concert died on Jan. 23, shortly after being diagnosed with stomach cancer. The concert will continue, using Mr. Roberts' work as planned, as a tribute to him and his talent. At the time of his death, Mr. Roberts, a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, was artist-in-residence at the Union Theological Seminary, Manhattan; and Director of Liturgical Music for the Fordham University Campus Ministry at Lincoln Center, New York City. He was a co-founder of the Rejoice! Conference on Black Catholic Liturgy, in Washington, D.C. Tickets or details: 832-5057.

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m. the Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, presents Women's Music mainstays Cris Williamson & Tret Fure. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Reservations and details: 339-1832.

Passages in sculpture

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St. in Berkeley, kicks off "Passages," a new exhibit in which 12 sculptors explore explicit or metaphorical pas-

Rinde Eckert Casts Off in Mackey/Dresher Opera for Solo Voice

Alone Around the World, perhaps no words have struck a stronger chord with sailors through the ages than the challenge of circling the globe, with only wind and terror for companionship. The first organized race for solo circumnavigators, and the incredible real-life story that scandalized it, forms the basis for *Ravenshead*, a modern opera presented by Berkeley Repertory Theatre as its second Parallel Season production this year.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre Artistic Director Tony Taccone will direct the piece for solo voice by composer Steve Mackey and librettist Rinde Eckert; it will be performed by Mr. Eckert and the Paul Dresher Ensemble Electro-Acoustic Band.

Co-produced by Berkeley Rep and the Paul Dresher Ensemble, "Ravenshead" will be presented in a limited run with previews beginning March 5. The production opens March 10 and closes April 4. Both "Ravenshead" and the current Parallel Season production Peter and Wendy are being staged at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre in Berkeley.

Ravenshead is based on the true story of Donald Crowhurst (in the play Richard Ravenshead), a flamboyant British electronics manufacturer who convinced himself and others that he would win the inaugural 1968 Golden Globe race — a non-stop, solo sail around the world. Eight months after the start of the race, his trimaran Teignmouth Electron was discovered in the mid-Atlantic structurally intact with no one on board.

Through his log books it was discovered that, after a series of blunders that put him irrevocably off course, Crowhurst concocted a plan

to hide in the Atlantic's seldom navigated southern waters and then sprint to the finish as his competitors rounded Cape Horn.

When faced with the likelihood that his deception would be discovered, Crowhurst's already fragile psyche began to unravel and it is believed that after 243 days at sea he simply stepped off his boat mid-ocean. "Ravenshead" presents a timeless re-examination of mythology, ideology and the nature of "truth."

Berkeley Rep productions frequently cross the boundaries of tra-

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Aurora opens 7th season

SECOND MAN

"The Second Man" plays Wednesdays through Sundays, March 5 to April 11 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Duran Ave., Berkeley. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Wed-Sat and at 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. on Sun. Tickets, priced from \$22-32, are available by calling the Aurora Theatre Box Office at 843-4822. There are four preview performances: March 5-7 and 10.

The Aurora Theatre Company's seventh season continues with S.N. Behrman's "The Second Man," a love quadrangle directed by Nancy Carlin, and featuring J. Michael Flynn, Susan Hegarty, Jennifer Taggart and Timothy Glenn.

The action takes place in New York, 1928, in Clark Storey's West Side apartment. Storey is a writer and self-proclaimed dilettante who is interested in the elegant widow Mrs. Kendall Frayne not only for her wit, but her "multitudinous boudoir". Kendall is helplessly in love with Storey, as is Monica Gray, an adorable and audacious, but poor, young woman who is off again on again engaged to Austin Lowe, an enormously rich, and love-sick, young chemist. Storey takes it upon himself to ensure Monica and Austin's engagement, thereby securing his own financial stability with Kendall, while Monica battles against Storey's inability to love honestly.

Behrman adds a humanity and complex cynicism that set him apart from the other writers of the American Comedy of Manners of his day.

Lunt and Fontanne starred in the original production at the Theatre Guild in 1928.

Nancy Carlin makes her Aurora Theatre Company directorial debut. In four seasons at the Foothill Theatre Company in Nevada City, CA, Ms. Carlin directed *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Art of Dining*, *Sylvia*, and last summer's *Romeo and Juliet* at the Lake Tahoe



SUSAN HEGARTY and J. Michael Flynn in Aurora Theatre's 'The Second Man.'

Shakespeare Festival. While a company actor with the American Conservatory Theater, Nancy directed studio productions of *The Tempest*, *Cymbeline*, *The Merchant of Venice*, and *Marin Irene Fornes' Dog Lady*. Nancy has performed for the Aurora as *Nora* in *Nora*, *Cleo in Rocket To the Moon* and *Leslie the Lizard in Seascapes*.

TICKETS: Subscriptions are on

sale from \$60-72. (\$90 for opening nights) Single tickets are also available for \$22-\$25. (\$32 for opening night). This season we have added Sunday at 7 p.m. performances (in addition to our Sunday 2 p.m. matinees) to better accommodate ticket demand.

The Aurora Theatre Company is Artistic Director Barbara Oliver and Managing Director Tom Ross. The

goal of this Equity company is to create an actor-oriented theatre company that places high value on words and ideas. Housed in the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club, the Aurora Theatre Company presents new work and revivals in an intimate theatre setting. Now in its seventh season, the Aurora has played to consistently sold out houses since its inception.

'All In The Timing' makes debut at Contra Costa Civic Theatre

Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents *All in the Timing* by David Ives, the second production in the theater's PlayMakers Series this year. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun. The New York Times called *All in the Timing* "sketches for some hilarious, celestially conceived review." The show is directed by the husband and wife team of Wendy M. and Michael Ray Wisely. Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., March 5 through 14, 1999. Tickets \$7 general admission. Call 524-9132 for reservations.

Words, Words, Words recalls the philosophical adage that three monkeys typing into infinity would eventually turn out Hamlet, and asks, "What would the monkeys talk about at their typewriters?" The Universal Language, a story where Dawn, a stammerer, meets Don the teacher of a wild comic language. Laughter and love follow their lessons. Mere Mortals eavesdrops on a lunch hour on a girder 50 stories above the street as three construction workers share increasingly amazing secrets of their past. Finally, Variations on the Death of Trotsky shows us the Russian

communist on the day of his demise, desperately trying to cope with the ax in his head.

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ject will help protect resident animals from displacement by human visitors.

On May 1, Wallace J. Nichols of the University of Arizona will introduce the Sea Turtles of Baja program. Baja is home to the black sea turtle, one of the rarest sea turtles in the world. Help the team discover the basics of black sea turtle life, and discuss conservation with the local people.

Anthropologist Dr. Lynne Miller of the UC-San Diego will present the final lecture, *Life As a Monkey*, on June 8. Learn how wedge-capped capuchin monkeys balance the pros and cons of group living. Join this in-

depth study and help save endangered primate populations worldwide.

All lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Marion Simmer Auditorium in The PeopleSoft Center for Education at The Oakland Zoo. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. For further information, contact Anne Warner, Education Assistant, at 632-9525 extension 124.

The Oakland Zoo is located at 9777 Golf Links Road, off Interstate 580. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 2-14 and seniors. Zoo information 632-9525.

Earthwatch 'expedition' series coming to Oakland Zoo

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sages, with a reception on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. featuring live jazz by the Paterson Schoenweffer Duo. Gallery hours are Wed-Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The unique contemporary sculpture was created by artists from California, Washington State, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New York, Idaho and Illinois. Details: 525-7621.

'Introduction to Soul Food'

On Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Wesley Foundation, 2398 Bancroft Way in Berkeley, presents "Introduction to Soul Food," a free class on mind/body meditation. The classes are designed for Christians and non-Christians and for both those who have no experience in meditation or who want to deepen their spiritual practice. The instructor, Charley Lerrigo, is a United Methodist pastor assigned to developing spirituality work in the Bay Area and for decades has practiced meditation in both Christian and Eastern traditions. Details: 549-1244.

MATRIX/Rigo 99

MATRIX/Rigo 99, the latest exhibition in the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive MATRIX Program for contemporary, opened this week and runs through the end of June. Best known for his compelling public artworks, Bay Area artist Rigo 99 will create a series of three hand-painted banners that will be installed on the Bancroft Way facade of the Museum. In keeping with much of Rigo's work, this installation will have an overtly political message, in this instance concerning the imprisonment in 1977 of Native American activist Leonard Peltier. Although Rigo 99 (his art alias, which changes with the calendar year) has created many gallery installations, his preference is to create public artworks that can be seen by a wide and diverse audience.

'Hidden Treasures'

Sacred & Profane presents "Hidden Treasures," Rarely Performed Works from the Choral Repertoire with Guitarist Simon Garfield and music by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Byrd, Dowland, Olsson, Rautavaara, Schutz, Kodaly, Purcell, Brahms and Wolf in two performances. Friday's performance is at 8 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 397 Euclid Ave. in Oakland, (Corner of Euclid and Van Buren, near Lake Merritt). Sunday's performance is at Calvary Presbyterian Church 1940 Virginia St. 3 p.m. in Berkeley. Tickets: General Admission: \$14 and \$11 (advance purchase) seniors and students: \$12 and \$9 (advance purchase). Details: 524-3611.

Concert of David Tudor works

The Music Department at Mills College, at 5000 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland, presents "Rainforest," a concert of innovative electronic masterworks by David Tudor, one of the most remarkable musicians of the late 20th-century, on Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tu-

dor's music is lovingly and authoritatively performed by D'Arcy Philip Gray and John D.S. Adams, with Mills College faculty, including John Bischoff, Maggi Payne, Chris Brown, and guests. Adams and Gray, Canadian musicians who worked with the composer, will present a program including Rainforest and Neural Network Plus. Admission: \$10 general/\$8 students and seniors. Details: 430-2296. Visitor parking on campus is free.

Mary Baker Eddy and women's history

March is National Women's History Month, and in celebration this March, Mary Baker Eddy — yes, the one known for Christian Science — and her book Science and Health will be featured in a forum at Barnes



EARLINE SHOEMAKE

& Noble, 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley, on March 7 at 2 p.m. Healer and noted speaker Earline Shoemake discusses Eddy and her writing. Mary Baker Eddy is an exemplar of 19th century feminism.

She founded the Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, championed rights for all, and wrote Science and Health, which the Women's National Book Association named as one of "75 books by women whose words have changed the world" in 1992. Details: 644-0861.

Ming Dynasty opera

American stage and opera director Peter Sellars joins forces with New York-based Chinese composer Tan Dun to stage a contemporary late Ming Dynasty masterpiece "Peking Opera," March 5, 6, 8 p.m. and



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Berkeley Symphony wine and food gala is Sunday

Narsai David will once again host the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's 12th Annual Wine & Food Tasting on March 7, at the newly refurbished Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The afternoon promises to be a celebration of great wine, food, music and friends. In addition to the fabulous wines and sumptuous foods, patrons will be able to purchase one of the Symphony's auction packages, or win fabulous raffle items. For bid include wine country getaways, gift certificates from local restaurants and other Bay Area institutions.

Music will accompany the festivities.

The event's festive atmosphere and community-building spirit has brought back a majority of food and beverage purveyors from previous years. You can count on these favorites: Audubon Cellars, Barefoot Cellars, Blue Ribbon Catering, Bonny Doon Vineyard, Bucci's Restaurant, Chalone Wine Group, Cline Cellars, Fenestra Winery, Ficklin Vineyards, Good & Plenty Catering, Grgich Hills Cellar, Handley Cellars, Hotel Durant, Lava Cap Winery, Manga Maria, Pyramid Ales, Quady Winery, Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, Riv-

oli Restaurant, Rosenblum Cellars, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, St. George Spirits, The Baltic and Whitford Cellars. Plus, the event has attracted fabulous newcomers like Aideles Sausage, Britt Marie's, Cafe de la Paz, Cafe Piper, Gotta Haveit Desserts, Odwalla Juice for Humans and Salute Ristorante.

Those serving wine and food won't be the only familiar faces. Narsai David, a tireless community personality and world renowned culinary artist, once again supports the Orchestra as event host. Former owner of the popular Narsai's Restaurant, and author of the cook-

book "Monday Night at Narsai's," David also spends his evenings and distributing food and charities around the world.

The event benefits the Symphony and its education and community outreach programs.

Individual tickets are \$40 in advance, \$40 at the door, a \$10 "Hot Ticket" admits two to the Wine & Food Tasting, plus two to a private luncheon at Lallage on March 10 where Narsai David will be serving wine from his personal collection. Details and information: 441-2222.

"Rush" tickets. A limited number of half-price tickets — "Hot Tickets" — are available at noon at the Berkeley Symphony office Tuesday through Friday for the evening's performance, and can be purchased by the general public with cash only.

Florence Schwimley Little is located at 1920 Alston Way, in the Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley (four blocks from the BART Rep). The Theatre is wheelchair accessible. Additional information available on our website: www.berkeleyrep.org. To purchase tickets by phone with VISA, MasterCard or Discover, call the Berkeley Rep Office at 845-4700.

Lone Man

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ditional theatrical presentations, and "Ravenshead" is a prime example of that," said Tony Taccone in announcing the production. "Rinde Eckert and Paul Drescher are seminal artists in the Bay Area progressive music scene whose work is wonderfully dramatic and narrative-driven. Together with Steve Mackey, they represent a tradition of using music and theatre as an innovative tool to explore the stories of our time."

Composer Steve Mackey, featured as part of the San Francisco Symphony's "American Mavericks" series

of concerts, wrote String Theory for the Kronos Quartet, which made its world premiere with the SF Symphony in 1998.

His Lost & Found, conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, was featured on the Opening Gala program for the SF Symphony's 1996-97 season. Librettist Rinde Eckert is a classically trained singer known for his remarkably flexible and inventive singing voice. A composer, actor, dancer and director, Mr. Eckert has performed in numerous multimedia theater pieces with the Paul Drescher Ensemble and the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company. He recently completed Romeo Sierra Tango, commissioned by New York's Public Theater as part of the New Works Festival.

March 7, 3 p.m., at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. The original "Peony Pavilion" opera, written by Tang Xianzu in 1598, contains 55 scenes and is considered the creative pinnacle of the Chinese Kun opera form.

A host of University-sponsored activities, including a symposium on Chinese kun opera and "Peony Pavilion," featuring opera star Madame Hua Wenji, Sellars, and others, will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wheeler Hall; — no tickets are required, and a pre-performance talk with Peter Sellars, free to Friday performance ticketholders, March 5 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall.

Three additional symposia on "Pe-

ony Pavilion" sponsored by the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, are scheduled for Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7. In addition, Madame Hua Wenji will lead a behind-the-scenes workshop on the making of "Peony Pavilion" Monday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Zellerbach Playhouse, and the Berkeley Art Museum is featuring "Dreams and Transformations in Late Ming China," an exhibit of 17th

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Red Oak Gallery featuring new works

By Stacey Morrone

BERKELEY — Artist Robbin Légère Henderson will present an exhibit of her oil and water color paintings at the Red Oak Gallery inside Red Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Known in the '70s and '80s for her bold installation work, over the past decade Henderson has turned her attention to the splendor of nature, and a more traditional approach.

The show will include selected works featuring landscape and closely observed plants as her subjects.

Henderson's work will be on display from Monday, March 22 through Friday, May 28.

Robbin Henderson has exhibited throughout the United States and Europe for more than 20 years, including exhibitions at The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; The San Francisco Art Institute; Mills College Art Gallery; Southern Exposure Gallery; Intersection for the Arts; The Mission Cultural Center; Fashion Moda, NY; The Alternative Museum, NY; Sculpture Now, NY; Neue



PLUM BLOSSOMS, oil on board, diptych, 48" x 72".

Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin and Bologna Festival, Bologna, Italy.

Henderson is the executive director of the Berkeley Art Center. She has two grown children and lives in Berkeley.

During this exhibit, Henderson will donate a portion of her artwork proceeds to Red Oak's non-profit organization, Red Oak Opportunity Foundation.

ROOF provides funding assistance for dozens of deserving local charities which

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'Streamline staging' experts show off

Glass-Sabine team draws scores to John Galen Howard site

By Ginny Hair
ECHO COMMUNICATIONS

When John Galen Howard & Associates built 5321 Golden Gate Ave. in Oakland 74 years ago, it is likely no one dreamed that it would be creating excitement in 1999.

Famous for his Beaux-Arts buildings and his plan for the University of California Berkeley, Howard is known as a Bay Area craftsman-tradition pioneer.

Last week, his restored Spanish-style villa proved that good architectural "bones," when combined with innovative marketing savvy, will continue to have mass appeal.

Listing agents Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine, the Glass-Sabine team of Prudential California Realty, attracted a record crowd to view Howard's masterpiece: the showing drew more than 200 brokers to preview the property and more than 500 potential buyers at Sunday's open house.

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Build portfolio plan first

Follow steps to meet your goals

Money matters

By Leila Gough

Before building a custom home, you probably would consult an architect first who would develop a blueprint base on your family's needs, budget and an architectural style.

The same can be expected when you begin to build an investment portfolio.

The need for a blueprint is essential: Investing at random in different investment products without direction could keep you from realizing your financial goals.

Determine your needs

To get started, determine why you need to invest, including both short and long-term investment goals.

For example, you may want to eliminate debt and simultaneously plan for your children's college education. You may wish to supplement your current income with additional income, find ways to lessen the impact of taxes on your investments, save for a dream vacation, invest for your retirement years or build an estate for heirs.

Next, estimate the amount of money it will take to attain each of these goals. An investment professional can help you factor in the effect of inflation on the amount you need to save.

Assess your risk tolerance

What kind of risk are you willing to take to make money on your investments? Knowing your risk tolerance will help you and your investment professional determine what type of investments should make up your investment portfolio.

Consider these questions:

• Which is more important to you, doubling your money in an up market or not losing money in a down market?

• Can you accept the possibility of a temporary loss in the value of your portfolio?

• Do you feel comfortable taking some risk, knowing that the return on aggressive investments can be higher? (And are you comfortable knowing that you could lose more on aggressive investments?)

• Are you content with lower returns from your investments, knowing that the principal value of your investment is more stable than other alternatives?

Your answers to these questions will help you better understand the degree of risk you are willing to take when investing and give your investment professional the necessary guidance to tailor a portfolio to your personal needs.

Consider your time horizon

• When will you need the money? This question has far-reaching implications. Your time horizon could determine the level of risk needed to reach your goals.

For example, if you are a conservative investor but conservative investments are not likely to provide the amount of money needed in the time frame you specified, you may want to consider a more aggressive investing strategy or adjust your time frame.

Establishing an investment plan is an essential building block to constructing your portfolio. Once this plan is in place, you and your investment professional can better select investments designed to meet your needs.

Leila Gough is an Associate Vice President with A.G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at (510) 237-8851. A.G. Or visit www.agedwards.com.

The GRUBB Co. lands slot in Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate

By Emily Burns
WHO'S WHO IN LUXURY REAL ESTATE STAFF

SEATTLE — "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" is pleased to announce the inclusion of The GRUBB Co. Inc. in the 1999 directory of the finest real estate brokerage houses in the world. The GRUBB Co. was selected to represent Oakland and Piedmont at the invitation of the publisher John Brian Losh.

Mr. Losh searches for firms and individuals who have a reputation for exceptional knowledge and expertise in the marketing of in-city mansions, estates, waterfront retreats, gentlemen's

ranches and farms, resort properties and the finest residences in the world.

More than 3000 of the world's finest properties for sale can be viewed on the "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" Web site — luxuryrealstate.com — which is the largest real estate Web site expressly dedicated to luxury properties.

Representing firms from more than 25 countries and nearly every state in the U.S., the "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" Web site features well over \$3 billion in properties on-line, with an average price of \$1 million.

"Despite the ever-increasing presence of Realtors with assembly-line

methods, the GRUBB Co. stands out as an exceptional boutique broker consistently practicing the highest level of personal and ethical service, particularly in the complex area of marketing luxury properties," said Mr. Losh.

"I am confident that doing business with The GRUBB Co. will be a rewarding experience."

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The GRUBB Co., The Highland Group join forces in e-commerce partnership

By Susan Kline
THE GRUBB CO.

The GRUBB Co. is pleased to announce a new partnership with The Highland Group, a residential property management and leasing company with national relocation services and clientele.

Donald Woolhouse and Donald Grubb Jr., owners of The GRUBB Co., say this new venture will serve the growing needs of their local customers and the ever-increasing corporate relocation marketplace.

Donald Grubb Jr. is enthusiastic. "With the aggressive marketing of our Web site (www.GRUBBco.com), linked to The Highland Group (www.hIGHLANDG.com), this partnership will further strengthen our services and position in the marketplace," Grubb said.

The GRUBB Co. is the known leader in luxury residential real estate. The synergy of the relationship between The Highland Group and

agreement structure," Bettina said.

"As we strengthen our position in the marketplace, the expanded services are essential to our clientele" according to Woolhouse.

Bettina's partner, Deborah Morgan, is professionally skilled in all aspects of residential property management. Both Bettina and Morgan are local residents and their connection to the local community and in-depth knowledge of the services and amenities offered by the San Francisco Bay Area are valuable assets to The Highland Group.

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The GRUBB Co. is based on a blending of property management and relocation, backed by the experience of a company who is in the technological forefront of the marketplace.

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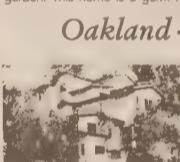
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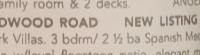


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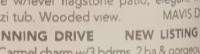
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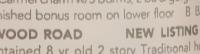
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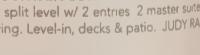
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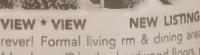
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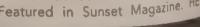
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Tuesday, March 4

Attorney Steven Elias discusses his recent book, "Contractor's and Homeowner's Guide to Mechanics' Lien," Builder's Booksource, 7 p.m.; 1047 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call (510) 567-74

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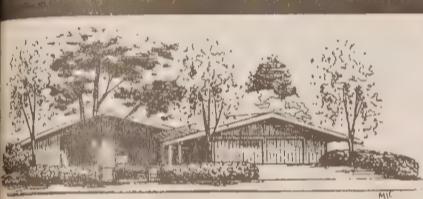


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Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28

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If you're out-bid, calm down and regroup

No one likes to lose a home to another buyer in a multiple offer competition. And it can be just as disappointing when a purchase transaction falls apart. Buying a home is a business transaction like none other. It's far more emotional than most people realize.

When you buy a home, you're not simply making an investment or buying a piece of real estate. A home purchase is the biggest investment most people will make. A home has to provide shelter and creature-comfort needs.

For some people, a home is a reflection of themselves — bringing ego gratification into play.

Schools are an issue for many buyers, so property location is critical. Some buyers move to shorten their commute and to improve their lifestyle.

Others move for security and safety, or to improve their status in life. In other words, buying a home is a business transaction that's loaded with a lot of emotional issues.

A lot of energy and emotional commitment is required to make an offer to buy a home. If you end up in a bid-

Real estate forum

By Dian Hymer

ding war with other buyers, and you lose, it's natural to feel disappointed.

If you're out-bid, don't let disappointment and frustration lead you astray. Try to view the situation as a learning experience and continue on with your search.

Do so with a clear head about your mission. Use good judgment so that you don't buy the wrong house on the rebound.

One buyer was so devastated by losing out on her dream home that she went out and bought the next house that looked halfway decent. The house did not offer the features that she had been looking for, and she grew to hate it.

The floor plan was awkward, the house was dark at all times of day and the home-maintenance projects were never-ending.

She tried to sell, but prospective buyers who looked at her home were

turned away by the same defects that she discovered only after she moved in.

Don't let home-buying become an end in itself. Keep your home-buying priorities foremost in your mind.

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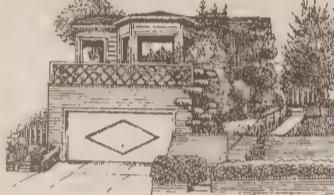
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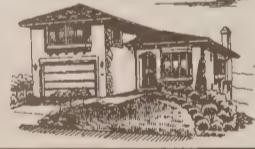
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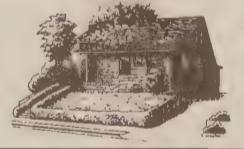
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'As is' sale can get you more than you bargained for

Firm foundation

By Don Pearman

I recently got some great feedback from a woman who attended one of my earthquake preparedness classes. I teach homeowners how to inspect their homes for possible or potential earthquake damage and give home buyers information about inspecting prospective purchases for structural soundness.

About four months before taking

class,

she had bought a

little home "as is" and now

regret her investment. Her

begin showing signs of struc-

ture as wet weather set in.

"As is" can be a very good way to

get a great fixer-upper. But I do not

not

recommend an "as is" purchase for

people because the deal may

be as good as it seems, and the

buyer may get more problems than

she bargained for.

For example, my concerned

caller. In buying her first house, she

fell in love with the cute three-bed-

room bungalow which the owner

was selling "as is," and which the

real estate agent assured her was a

great bargain.

She fell in love with the 1930s tile

fireplace, the glossy hardwood floors

and the quaint remodeled kitchen.

She was "blinded" by how cute the

house was.

Not being an expert, and not hav-

ing the advice of one, she could not

see the many problems that lay in

wait.

In buying the house "as is," she

accepted the seller's termite report

and saved the money that was rec-

ommended for repairs, believing that

the cost of the house had been re-

duced enough to allow her to do the

work later.

This is not a bad idea if termite

report is competent and thorou-

gh and defines all the work to be done.

However, her termite company

typically doesn't find much when it

inspects and doesn't recommend

much repair.

Consequently, after a second ter-

mite inspection and report ordered

after she had already bought the

house, she learned that she had gotten

stuck with a house with a lot of

decay not called out by the original

termite report.

She also hadn't gotten a general

inspection, instead relying on a real

estate friend's advice that the sloping floor at the rear of the house was just "normal settling."

The truth of the matter is that the foundation was rotating and causing the rear wall to kick out from under the house. Moreover, the doors and windows were sticking and the plaster was cracking.

There also had been substantial flooding in the basement, continuing unabated each time the rains came.

Without the proper inspection, this home buyer got a lot less than she thought she was getting structurally, and a lot more than she anticipated for repair.

She should have hired a compe-

tent inspector before buying the

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Moving thoughts

#272 in a series of true experiences in real estate

I was on the phone recently with a woman who wants to buy a larger house. In the background I could hear one of her children: "I'm not moving," the child said, with some feeling. "I'm staying here."

Another mother sighed as she told us what happened when she took her 6-year-old to see the wonderful house she was going to buy.

Excited about showing it off, especially the playhouse in the back yard, she couldn't believe her daughter's reaction: "This is a dumb house. Let's go home."

And the playhouse? "It's not big enough," according to the little girl.

We heard about a 2-year-old who said in the midst of moving, "OK, mommy, this is your house. I want to go back to my house."

Kids like things the way they are. Seldom do they understand their parents' motive for things such as moving. "It'll be better for the kids."

Parents stretch time and money to get better schools, a bedroom for

True experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

everyone and a big yard. "Look, Jeannie," they enthuse, "You'll have your own bedroom and a swing in the back yard, too."

Jeannie answers, "I don't care. I like our old house."

This week, I was talking to the mother of teenagers who moved from Berkeley to Marin two years ago. The kids are doing fine now, she told me. The older child, an optimist, seemed to take moving in his stride. He made new friends right away.

It was a different experience for his younger brother who, according to their mother, "doesn't like change." He missed his friends, his old school, his regular routine. He went to his new school every day but did not socialize. Other kids would invite him to go places, attend parties, but for a year after the move, he refused. It wasn't until he joined a soccer team and became involved in team activi-

ties that he became comfortable with his new surroundings.

Once we helped a single mom sell her charming old house in Oakland and buy a smaller, less appealing house in Albany, a town she had chosen for the schools. Her boys, ages about 5 and 9 at the time, weren't happy about the anticipated move. The older boy's best friend lived a couple of doors away and they were devastated at the thought of being separated.

Our client, overwhelmed with getting a house ready for sale, packing and looking for a new house while continuing to work and parent, still managed to find the time to search for a rental in Albany for her son's friend and his mother.

She knew how valuable her son's friendship was and she knew how much easier it would be for him to weather the change with his friend still near.

We liked and respected this woman very much. She set her goals, then did what had to be done to accomplish them. And she helped her children through the transition in every way she could.

My own children were 6 and 7 when we bought our house. A few

weeks before the move, I wrote in my journal that Nick, my oldest, "is particularly pleased about moving." He talked about having his own room with his things in it. He wanted to know what color his walls would be painted and he asked if he could have bunk beds so friends could stay overnight.

When my daughter Annie said she'd be scared sleeping in her new room alone, Nick told her not to worry: "You'll be halfway between my room and mom's. Besides, you'll have two bathrooms to choose from."

The first night in our house the children were tucked into their new beds in their own rooms. Half an hour went by quietly. Then Nick got up and asked Annie if she'd sleep in his room. She hurried in.

For months after that there were few nights when any of us had uninterrupted sleep. One of the kids would wake up saying, "I can't sleep alone." I'd cajole, threaten and offer sympathy but it went on.

I wrote down one pre-bedtime plea: "I get scared out of my daylight, really scared in the night, and I get up and hear the cats under the house and it's really an emergency."

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can I sleep on your bedroom floor?"

Because I will do almost anything for sleep in the middle of the night, there were a number of times that both kids slept by my bedside.

Having the house torn up was unsettling for me, but maybe more so for the kids. One day Nick asked me if we were going to "destroy the rest of the house." I laughed just a little and asked if he thought that was what we were doing.

"Yeah," he said, "The front porch is already gone and you've wrecked the kitchen. I guess the bedrooms are next."

One morning Nick got up full of a nightmare he'd had. The details were long and full of blood and gore. Annie and I squirmed as we listened until the end. He finished the story with "Then I got to go home." And Annie, my optimistic one, added brightly, "Well, a happy ending."

An occasional nightmare was not the only sign of stress in my children as we remodeled and they started a new school. But was the stress from

moving? Some of what we each of them must have in their reflection of who they are.

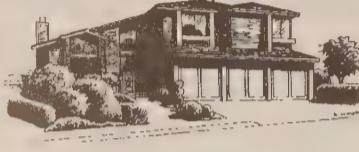
For most of us, change is difficult. Before we moved, I asked myself if I should double the housing costs, take on a mortgage, project, send my children to school. I wondered if the cost would outweigh the benefits.

I certainly hoped they would be better off.

But even now — almost 10 years later — Annie sometimes doesn't like to go back to the house. She grouses that when she buys a house, she may end up having to have two stories —

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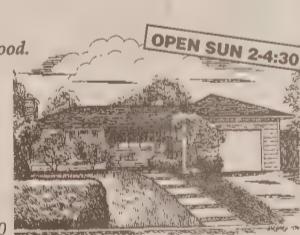


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MONTCLAIR UPSLOPE

Utilities present. Valley setting, nearly 3/4 acre with hard to find 130' frontage. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

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NEAR CHABOT GOLF COURSE \$107,000

Nearly 1 acre, SF and Bay view. Gentle down slope on cul-de-sac. Building plans included. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

MONTCLAIR DOWNSLOPE \$99,000

Very sunny western exposure, utilities present, down slope, area of expensive new homes. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

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Howard

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The duo took a bold step and placed an ad in the global edition of The Wall Street Journal.

Next, they went to work preparing the home for the market. Recently featured in several national magazines as "staging" experts, the team has developed "streamline staging" as art and trademark.

Whether it means adding a new mailbox, touching up paint, bring in fresh flowers, crusty bread, furniture, artwork, hand-painted ceramics, or even a Scrabble game with the words "beautiful home" spelled out, Glass and Sabine create a "living theater" with each home that they list, and they do it for free.

The owners of this beautiful residence have exquisite taste and it was a pleasure to add Ikebana-inspired flower arrangements and to make suggestions as to how they could rearrange and highlight their tasteful furniture and art," Sabine says.

"It is our intent to create a new experience with the house and allow the magic and inspiration of the house shine through," Sabine says.

Glass echoes Sabine's philosophy by adding, "We believe that by being selective in what we do, whether that means adding a few touches or putting some furniture in storage, that the true essence of the home will come through. Our work is meant to ultimately spotlight the true beauty of the home."

For the Howard open house, the

"This open house in particular," added Glass, "really attracted a crowd who appreciated the architecture and magic of the gardens."

pair hired a classical guitarist to go with the spirit of the home from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Glass and Sabine often hire local musicians to add what they consider a "festive mood" to their Sunday open houses. The public in turn, feels uplifted and delighted, according to Sabine, because of this thoughtful environment.

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Honored by the California Association of Realtors, the two recently participated in the Association's Top Producer Panel and continue to boast annual home sales that rank in the top 1% with Prudential world-wide.

The two turned the real estate industry (at times infamous for its competitive nature among agents) on its head and formed a partnership three years ago. The Glass-Sabine team is now a model that several real estate professionals at Prudential have adopted.

Glass and Sabine have backgrounds in art and interior design. Glass has an MBA in marketing and is a member of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Sabine is a graduate of the Sogetsu Ikebana School of Tokyo. They both recognize the value of Feng-Shui, regularly incorporating these holistic principles into their projects.

Bid

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foreseeable future.

It helps to find an ethical agent who can guide you through the home-buying process.

You want an agent who can provide a voice of reason when you're feeling like you're on an emotional roller coaster: An honest agent will talk you out of buying the wrong house.

Recently a couple lost out after multiple offers on a home in Piedmont. They were feeling low until another home came on the market for \$60,000 less than the one they had bid on.

The new listing was charming and the low price was appealing. The couple was on the verge of making an offer when their agent talked them out of it.

The house, while enchanting, was too small for this family's long-term needs. It also lacked a usable yard which had been a high priority for them.

Not long after they passed on this listing, they found the right house and were the successful bidders in a multiple offer competition.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair / Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," revised 1998, Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

As-is

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house and made a decision based not on "cuteness," but on a combination of cuteness and structural soundness.

The buyer may have legal recourse in this "done deal," but it will be extremely difficult and expensive to pursue through the courts.

It is much easier to walk away from a defective house when the problems are spelled out than it is to recover from the shock of repair bills.

In a similar situation, I know of homeowners who are four years into a lawsuit with no recovery of money in sight and a good chance that there may never be a recovery.

The adage, "let the buyer beware" still holds true for home purchases no matter what the age of the house.

It is critical to get the proper tradesperson to assess the condition of the house and provide a comprehensive and understandable report to assist you in making a final decision about your purchase.

It's your money, and probably a lot of it. Do yourself a favor and be careful not to buy unwanted problems when buying a property "as is."

Don Pearman is a contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to Save Your Home from Pests, Rot and Earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602. Phone: (510) 530-9444 Fax: (510) 530-9455.

State has publication you need

The State Department of Real Estate Web site (dre.ca.gov) will show you how to get top sellers "Real Estate Law" (698 pages), which is updated annually and costs \$20, and "Reference Book: a Real Estate Guide" (651 pages) also \$20 and recently revised.

The department also puts out brochures, manuals and booklets useful for licensees as well as the general public.

-By Howard Moss

Show

FROM PAGE C1

do not receive significant funding from other sources. To view or purchase these beautiful paintings, visit the Red Oak Gallery, Monday through Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. A public reception is scheduled for Friday, March 26th from 6 to 8 pm, where you will be able to meet the artist. For more information, please call (510) 527-3387.

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\$133,000 6472-74 MACARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$145,000 375 ANZA WAY. #203. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo near Lake Merritt. Formal living & dining room, fireplace, security building a 1 garage parking space. Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

\$184,000 2148 MAXWELL AVE. Lovely single level cottage in Maxwell Park ready to move in! Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, freshly painted and plumbing in full basement for second bathroom. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$209,000 2907 MCKILLOP ROAD. Cute family home in desirable neighborhood with lots of charm! Single level with three bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room, detached garage, sunny yard and is near all necessities. Steve Scorsone 814-4888

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Castro Valley

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Modern skyscrapers engineering triumphs

By Gilbert G. Bendix

Editor's note: Our series on the United States of skyscrapers in the United States and Bay Area (Dec. 17 & Dec. 24) by Mark A. Wilson continues. Reader Gilbert G. Bendix advances the discussion.

Skyscrapers stopped building skyscrapers in 1929 when the stock market crashed, many tenants went bankrupt, rental income dropped below the needs of mortgage payments, and many of the old skyscrapers were receivership.

The hiatus lasted for three years and, when the new high-rise building boom took off, the product was very different from the pre-Depression variety.

The Transamerica Building was a very different story. Recognizing the new fire hazards, mechanical engineer Thomas Simonson proposed installation

of fire sprinklers throughout the building, provided he could use new technology and a computerized design.

It was the first fully-sprinklered office building in San Francisco history and set the standard for future construction.

San Francisco was probably the first city to adopt a high-rise life safety code. It resulted from the cooperation in the early 1970s between Superintendent of Building Inspection Alfred Goldberg and Fire Marshal Emmet D. Condon.

Cooperation prevails

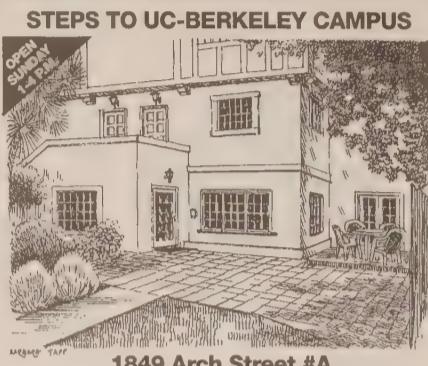
There had been turf battles and ill will between previous occupants

of these two positions, but Goldberg and Condon both realized there was a problem to be solved and that it would require working together. They produced a code that would soon serve as a national model. It required fire sprinklers on the Transamerica model.

Gilbert G. Bendix is a California-registered civil, mechanical and fire protection engineer. During much of the high-rise building boom he was superintendent of the Bureau of Engineering and Water Supply of the San Francisco Fire Department. Mr. Bendix is a director of the Kensington Fire Protection District.

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HCV Pacific acquires 24 luxury homesites

By Rebecca Hubbard
VILAS ADVERTISING

HCV Pacific Partners, a San Francisco-based real estate development company, has announced the acquisition of 24 luxury homesites off Healdsburg Avenue in Healdsburg.

The lots are located on a prime site of approximately 20 acres across from the Simi Winery.

HCV plans to build 24 estate homes, ranging in size from approximately 2,800 to 3,400 square feet on lots that are approximately one-third to one-and-a-half acres.

Construction of The Estates at Parkland is expected to commence soon and a sales information center will be opened in April.

HCV Pacific Partners is well-known and respected for its high quality designs and construction.

The company's most recent residential development, Madera del Presidio in Corte Madera, was the number-one selling new home community in Marin County for the last three years.

The HCV management team has also been responsible for the success of many other notable properties, including Rincon Center and Golden Gateway Commons in San Francisco, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento and The Resort at Squaw Creek.

For more information on HCV Pacific Partners' new luxury home development, The Estates at Parkland, in Healdsburg, call (415) 924-8555 or visit HCV's Web site at www.hcvpartners.com.

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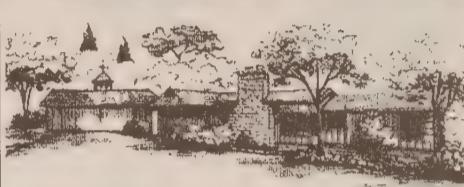
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AGENT OF THE WEEK: FERI NIROOMAND

Feri graduated from U.C. Berkeley and has been working as a Real Estate broker for the past 17 years in residential and commercial real estate. She also has been trained as a paralegal. Her close attention to every detail, along with her knowledge of finance and negotiation, are important reasons for her success in Real Estate. For her expertise, please contact Feri at (510) 527-3387 x 116.

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THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY Mazda Miata MX-5 roadster.

Mazda brings MX-5 back for encore

By Marion Wechter

NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE
CARLSBAD — The MX-5 Miata roadster returns from its debut at the 1989 Chicago Auto Show with a 10th anniversary edition model that surpasses any of its previous limited editions.

This special edition roadster provides

a more refined interior and exterior. Best of all, the gearbox, which is most of the fun of driving the Miata, now goes to six speeds from a five-speed transmission.

Miata is well known for its close ratio shift pattern. The new six-speed allows for quicker acceleration with less noise and the pleasure of changing gears

is never diminished.

Die-hard Miata owners will agree that nothing has been compromised with the addition of the six-speed transmission.

In fact, it takes the driving experience to a new level.

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Pull up to tax season prepared to save

Careful records can help you claim your car expenses as a business deduction

By Jan Zobel, EA

Good recordkeeping is the key to deducting car expenses on your tax return. For maximum tax savings, you need to know how many total miles you've driven during the year, and how many of those miles were for business.

Each January 1, write down your car's odometer reading and you'll know the total mileage for the year. Calculating the number of miles driven for business miles is not as easy.

If you have a deductible office-in-home, you can begin counting your business miles when you leave your home and travel to another business location. If you don't have a home office, the trip to and from home is non-deductible commuting.

To reduce commuting miles, consider opening a business post office box near your home or buying from a nearby supplier. From home to that stop will still be commuting, but from that point on, your business mileage will be deductible.

Ideally, you'll keep a log or notebook in your car in which you write down either the beginning and ending odometer reading for each business trip, or note how many business miles you drive each

day. In either case, also note what business locations you visited.

Although it's easy to do once you get into the habit, many people don't want to be bothered keeping a car log. If you're one of those people, see if one of the following methods works better for you:

■ Note in your appointment book how many business miles you drive each day.

■ If you go on the same route or to the same location regularly, measure the distance once and count the number of times you make the trip during the year.

■ If you use your vehicle primarily for business, instead of keeping track of the business miles, keep track of the number of personal miles you drive.

■ If your business driving is similar throughout the year, keep detailed records for one month of each quarter or for one week of each month and project your annual business mileage from those figures.

Once you know the total number of miles the car was driven for the year and how many of those were for business, there are two possible ways of deducting your car expenses.

The first is called the actual expense

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Avoid sun's deadly influence by changing your direction

It's worse in the winter. During the months when the sun rises late and sets early, more cars are on the move at the times when the horizon is aglare with the overwhelming orange brilliance of the sun.

Drivers heading east in the morning and west in the evening are at the mercy of piercing rays coming through the windshield directly into their eyes. Since the sun's attack at those hours is directly horizontal to the path of travel, the dazzling strikes below any sun visor reach. It's brutal. And dangerous.

Recently near Albuquerque, a semi overran a van and a car that the truck driver said were invisible in the sun's glare. Two teenagers died.

What can you do to lessen the effect of the blazing sun when it lies on the earth's horizon? The glib an-

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

swer is to avoid driving at such times. Take only roads running north and south. But don't dismiss such thoughts too readily. If you can delay driving at the time when the sun is at its worst, do it. Fill up your tank. Have a latte and read the paper. And rethink your usual routes. Scout alternatives that might lessen your exposure to the sun at those critical hours.

Roads that run along in the lee of hills might provide a haven. Evergreens make good shade, but deciduous trees are not much help in the winter. The substitute routes may be longer, but weigh that against the in-

creased danger of driving into or out of a low riding sun.

Anyway, it's just a temporary shift in routine. The sun will soon be higher in the sky when you are going to and from work. As for coping with the sun's onslaught, there is precious little a driver can do.

Even the usually resourceful AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety could offer no better solution than "a really good pair of sunglasses."

Indeed, sunglasses are a help. Make sure that they are dark enough to really knock down the rays' intensity and that they have polarized lenses. Only polarized lenses can kill the secondary glare bouncing off the hood.

Besides finding a different path and using sunglasses, here are some other suggestions for increasing your safety in the presence of a fireball

on the horizon.

Clean your windshield

Wash both the inside and the outside. The inside can be fogged by residue from smoke, or the outgassing of interior plastics. Ammonia or vinegar helps cut these deposits.

Turn on your headlights

Even if you have DRL (daytime running lights), turning on your low beams helps enhance your visibility in the glare of a low-lying sun. Most DRL systems do not turn on your taillights.

Keep a baseball cap handy

A cap won't be much help if you wear it with the bill at the back. Worn conventionally, a cap — particularly one with a longer than usual

bill — can be helpful in keeping the sun out of your eyes. With a little artful dodging of the head, you can keep visual contact with important segments of your world as you drive into the sun. Because you can move your head as necessary, bill caps work better than the rigid sun visor on the car. You might also seek out tennis hats with bills of dark green see-through plastic.

Try sun blockers

Check auto-supply shops for sun glare fighters that attach to your visor. I have seen some that feature a sliding panel of dark glass or plastic that in effect extends your visor. Visor extensions can be down or to the sides. (That sun sneaking between the visor and your rearview mirror to send darts into your eyes when-

ever you check your rearview beast.) I once ordered some to mail a number of 4x8-inch green plastic sheets for the purpose, and they worked fine.

These adhered naturally to the car and peeled off as easily for reuse and dulled the sun's effect so that total blindness was avoided. You put the plastic pieces on the hood and move them as necessary.

Adjust your speed

The old standby holds true: glare as with rain and ice. Drive in a more relaxed manner. And crank up the alerts. We wick low sun is a tough

AUTO BRIEFS

GRAND BLANC, Mich.

Interactive driver's log service available

A new interactive Driver's Log service is available from AC Delco. The log is available to consumers worldwide at www.acdelco.com, and allows visitors to submit information on their driving habits and receive a personalized, detailed maintenance schedule for up to seven vehicles.

"AC Delco's new Driver's Log service will make it easier than ever to maintain service schedules," said Tom Liles, manager of e-commerce marketing for GM Service Parts Operations.

"By servicing vehicles at recommended time frames, owners will find their cars and trucks performing better, with less wear and tear."

The easy-to-use online reminder service takes into account factors such as daily driving habits and the date a service last performed. It also tracks seven routine maintenance procedures: oil changes, tune-ups, filters, tires, brakes, cooling systems, and shocks.

"Users can call up their drive's log to review or edit their maintenance schedules at any time," says Liles. "They can also obtain maintenance history information. For example, they'll know exactly when the coolant was last changed."

NORCROSS, Ga.

Saab sales up 18 percent over 1997 figures

Saab posted worldwide sales of 118,581, in 1998, an 18 percent increase over 1997 sales.

A full year of Saab 9-3 and Saab 9-5 deliveries, strengthened dealer networks in key European markets. Strong increases were posted in all of Saab's major European markets and were the highest percentage growth of any brand in Western Europe.

In the U.S. market, Saab Cars USA, Inc., announced sales of 30,757 cars in 1998, the Swedish automaker's highest sales volume since 1989. It was the fifth consecutive year of sales growth in the U.S. with an 8.1 percent gain over 1997.

LOS ANGELES

Thomas retires from Honda Acura

Richard Thomas, a 20-year American Honda Motor Co., Inc. veteran, has retired after serving as general manager of the Acura Division for five years.

Thomas led the Acura division from Feb. 1993 through September 1998. At that time, his duties were added to those of Honda Division General Manager Dick Collier, and Thomas was named an adviser to American Honda President Kotchi Amemiya.

During his time as head of Acura, Thomas oversaw the changing of the product line from names to alphanumeric designations.

WASHINGTON

Subaru, Porsche recall 97,000 airbags, cite unwanted deployments

Two airbag recalls were announced last week with Subaru recalling 95,000 cars and Porsche 2,000. Both recalls were prompted by airbag deploying when they should not.

The Subarus are 1994-95 Imprezas and 1995-96 Legacys. Dealers will remove front tow hooks.

Porsche recalled about 2,000 of its 1996-model 911. Company spokesman Bob Carlson said Porsche has learned that electrical spikes caused 31 inadvertent deployments. It has a remedy: installation of a horn relay with a filter.

—Motor Matters

Auto doctor solves mystery of the missing gasoline

Where's the gas?

Dear Doctor: I own a 1976 Dodge motorhome with a 440 cu. in. four-barrel carburetor. When it is parked for a couple of weeks, the gas siphons back into the gas tank from the carburetor. It will not start, unless I pour some gas down the carburetor. I have replaced the fuel pump, and even installed a shut off valve in the gas line. What should I do next? Greg

Dear Greg: I do not believe the gas is going back into the gas tank. The gasoline is leaking out of the float bowl through the lower base of the carburetor into the engine, and then evaporating. If you remove the carburetor and put it on a work bench overnight, you will see the gas very slowly leak out of the two small cavities between the two primary throttle plates. You can use a two-part epoxy to fill the cavity.

Check your injector sensor

Dear Doctor: I own a 1985 Ford Crown Victoria 302 V8 with throttle body fuel injection. The engine will not start unless I pour a small amount of gas into the throttle body. I haven't found anyone who can solve the problem. Can you help? Harold.

Tires take a road beating

Learn to read the rubber

Owners auto know

By Don Chaikin

Whether you drive an economy or luxury car, a pickup or sport utility, and regardless of its age, there's something your vehicle has in common with every other one on the road. It rides on inflatable rubber tires.

Despite the fact that tires are so universal, and so seemingly simple compared with exotic underhood electronic controls, they are critical to your vehicle's performance and safety.

Each time you're ready to drive for the first time of the day, walk around the vehicle and look at each of the tires. You'll quickly learn to spot a tire that's underinflated.

Before you can judge what an underinflated tire looks like, you've got to learn how a properly inflated one appears. That requires a quality tire-inflation gauge. A good gauge will set you back \$5 to \$20.

Make sure the gauge is calibrated to read the high pressure common for temporary spare tires, usually 60 psi. Then use the gauge at least once a month to check the inflation pressures of all of your vehicle's tires, including its spare.

Get a cold tire reading.

Check the pressures before driving the car or truck for that day so the tires are "cold." The laws of physics demand that as the temperature of a compressed gas-like the air inside a tire goes up, so does its pressure.

And since driving on tires heats them, all tire pressures are given as "cold," or whatever their temperature is while sitting around. Naturally, normal pressures will go down when the weather is cold, and up when it is hot. So it's critical that you check tire pressures after any temperature swing. Then compare your pressure readings to those specified by the auto maker.

The owner's manual will tell you where to find the decal inside the vehicle that lists the recommended inflation pressures for your vehicle. There may be more than one recommendation to cover "normal" dri-

Ask the auto doctor

By Junior Damato

Dear Harold: The first thing to do is check for trouble codes in the computer. Chances are you will see a code for the TPS sensor. If the TPS is out of range, it will not allow the two injectors to pulse fuel. I have seen this many times over the years. The TPS is located at the base of the throttle body on the right side. You should also check to make sure you have fuel pressure.

Car wash protocol

Dear Doctor: At one time or another, anyone who uses a car wash has had to wait in line for 30 minutes or more. Is it better to keep shutting off and restarting the engine, or just leave it idling? Dave

Dear Dave: Great question, but the answer depends on many factors. On hot summer days, I would shut the engine off and wait to restart it when I could actually move up at least two spots. The reason for this is if the outside temperature is 80 plus degrees, and the temperature coming from exhaust from the car

in front of yours is 150 plus degrees, all the hot exhaust will be sucked into the front of your radiator. The extreme heat will not allow the radiator to cool your engine. On days the temperature is 60 degrees or cooler, you could leave the engine idling, however you should shift into park with an automatic, and neutral with a standard transmission, and take your foot off the clutch.

Noisy tappets

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Toyota pickup 2.4-liter four-cylinder, which I purchased new and currently has 98,000 miles. Recently, I noticed the tappets sound noisy. I took the truck to a local shop. He said the tappets were not a major problem. He said there are plastic guides the timing belt rides against that need to be replaced at a cost of \$550, which also includes the tappet adjustment. I would like to keep the truck for another 100,000 miles. Mark

Dear Mark: Your Toyota pickup has a timing chain not a belt. There are guides for the timing chain. Both the chain and guides always have oil spraying all over them. The first thing to do is head for the Toyota dealer for a second opinion. If you

Is there a power limiter?

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Mercury Cougar 4.6-liter V8. I have been told there is a device to limit power under 3000 rpm. If this is true, how can I disable it, and if not, how can I get better performance? Mike

Dear Mike: There is no power limiter under 3000 rpm. There is a rev limiter at the engine red line that all fuel injected engines have. To gain more power from any late model vehicle, I recommend a computer upgrade, high performance air filter, and exhaust replacement.

Frozen door locks

Dear Doctor: I have a problem with door locks that keep getting frozen. I have to get in through the passenger side. What can I do? Joan

Dear Joan: There are a couple of products made for lubricating door lock cylinders. Go to your local auto parts or hardware store to get them. Both products have guides in them. You should put a few in all locks, including your door locks. Never use oil, because it will thicken up and not allow tumblers to move.

Where's the car made?

Dear Doctor: I am considering purchase of a 1997 or 1998 Nissan car. I would like to know which are made in the U.S. which have timing belts. Can I ask a dealer, I get different Michael

Dear Michael: To find out where the car is made, look on the placard located on either the driver's door or rear door. As for timing belt, once you find the make and model you like, go to the service department and ask the manager/salesperson. Both brands good track record.

Van stalls a problem

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 conversion van. 318 V8 that

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Mitchell on Demand comes through in pinch

Help, my car alarm is singin' in the rain

My car problem has to do with the alarm system. The vehicle in question is a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro, I have owned since new. It's been a pretty good car but lately after I get the car washed the alarm starts to sound. Have you ever heard of this situation? Please help. Darren

I have never seen or heard of this particular problem. But thank goodness for Mitchell on Demand. It nailed the solution! Some owners may comment that the anti-theft alarm sounds when the vehicle is wet, usually after going through rain or a car wash. The interior lights may

Q & A

By Todd Hayes

also come on. The condition will normally correct itself when the vehicle is dry. The cause of the problem is the grommet for the wiring harness in the door may not be fully seated. This could allow water to enter the wiring harness and travel to the door ajar switch in the bottom of the "A" pillar. The switch can short out, telling the Body Control Module (BCM) that the door is open.

The door jamb switch was replaced by a mini-wedge design early in production in 1998 to eliminate this condition. To fix, make sure the grommet is fully seated. No addi-

tional sealer is needed if the grommet is installed properly. Check the door jamb switch, wiring, and connector for signs of corrosion, and repair or replace if needed. Hope this works for you.

Don't repaint that air bag dash cover!

I recall an article where you wrote about a problem with interior paint at the passenger air bag dash cover peeling off on a Ford Explorer. This is occurring on my wife's Explorer and I cannot recall how you said to fix it. Can I just repaint it? Tommy T.

You have a good memory. That

was a question I answered a few

years back. It also happened to my Explorer I owned. If this problem occurs on either the driver's or passenger side air bag module, the modules MUST NOT be repainted for any reason. Any application may damage the cover material and could affect air bag performance during deployment and may result in the risk of injury during a collision.

Air bag modules that have been marred or damaged should be replaced, not repainted, with your local dealer, as they should be covered under your warranty. Good luck!

Todd Hayes writes for the Los Angeles Times.

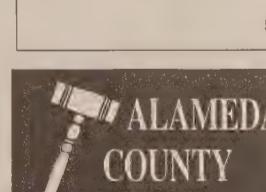
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SPARE PARTS

GRAZ, Austria

Benz, Cherokee move to same plant

The Mercedes-Benz M class and the Jeep Grand Cherokee will be assembled under the same roof beginning May 3, at the Steyr-Daimler-Puch plant here.

DaimlerChrysler AG says a savings estimated at \$300 million will be made by using a common conveyor system and tooling wherever possible.

Mercedes-Benz' Alabama factory that builds the M class is unable to keep up with demand, so DaimlerChrysler is turning to Steyr for help.

DaimlerChrysler executives emphasize that "brand sanctity" will be maintained.

"We are exploiting what is possi-

ble in the plant without any compromise on the standards and demands we put on the M class," said Dieter Zetsche, a management board member in charge of Mercedes-Benz sales and marketing.

LONDON

BMW's Hasselkus resigns

Rover Chairman Walter Hasselkus has resigned after confessing he had underestimated the "fierceness of competition in the British market."

BMW AG replaced him with Werner Saemann, an engineer by training.

Saemann, 56, was previously head of engine and suspension of the BMW Group in Munich. He is said to be strong in industrial planning and engineering.



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Cadillac treading on M-Benz territory

Road test

By Arnold Wechter

Lager to get younger buyers into showrooms, Cadillac is seriously considering developing a line of high-performance vehicles similar to those BMW's M series and the Mercedes-Benz AMG models.

Currently, according to General Manager John Smith, the GM division is testing versions of the current line in conjunction with the program, code-named Blackfin. There are no specific models planned, he said and Blackfin is an inter-

nal project. "As a global brand, we know we need to do some niche-oriented or derivative vehicles. What we're not sure about is the direction we should go," he said. The division is arguing whether to make Blackfin a separate brand name under Cadillac, whether it should be applied to a vehicle in the line-up, including the DeVille and Escalade sport-vehicle.

"Should we just rip a page out of

come a hot competitor.

At the recent Chicago Auto Show, Cadillac introduced a supercharged Steinmetz Catera, a 284-horsepower concept car built to gauge public reaction to hot rod Cadillacs. It also introduced a production version of the Catera Sport that goes on sale in May. With about \$800 worth of styling, suspension, and trim upgrades.

The Steinmetz concept car gets its name because its engine and body modifications were made by the aftermarket tuner Steinmetz Opef-Tuning, a subsidiary of AC Schnitzer based in Aachen, Germany.

It features an intercooled supercharger with 18-inch Z-rated tires and PPG Orange Fire paint.

Smith called the Steinmetz Catera a concept "out of the Blackfin file."

Earlier at January's International Auto Show in Detroit, the division introduced a new theme dubbed Art and Science with the Cadillac EVOQ roadster.

The EVOQ, one of the stars of the show, is reportedly a "shadow" product development headed by Dave Hill, the man who directs the Corvette/Camaro vehicle line. It is built off the same platform used by the Corvette sports car — which leads many to believe that the EVOQ is headed for the production line.

Time is of the essence for Cadillac. GM can't stall on a decision on Blackfin. It must be made this year if GM wants to ensure Cadillac's next generation of products is designed with the Blackfin concept in mind, according to Smith.

We believe Cadillac will be making a major mistake if it doesn't develop the Blackfin concept. The division is in major trouble. Its sales, despite a last-minute effort which allowed it to overtake Lincoln, are being eroded by the European and Asian luxury cars.

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Louisville RV show brings luxury, style home to stay

Novel ways emerge to make the most of limited space

The Louisville recreational vehicle show is the RV industry's largest trade show. A trip through the Louisville show gives a good idea about what consumers will be seeing at their dealers during the upcoming RV model year.

RV industry participants have enjoyed record sales for many years. The 1998 fiscal year tallied a 14-percent increase over the previous period, and somewhat slower but still impressive growth is predicted for the '99 model year.

It's that prospect for growth that inspires the RV industry designers to new and often innovative accomplishments.

Some ongoing trends include the expanding use of slide-out rooms in more RV types, including lower-cost travel and fifth-wheel trailers, Class C motorhomes and even fold-down tent trailers.

Now that manufacturers have worked out how to include movable kitchen plumbing into the slide-out, the possibilities for interior designs are growing by leaps and bounds.

NuWa Industries fielded a display full of fifth-wheel trailers packed with a batch of innovative interiors.

The company had models featuring two different computer-desk concepts, one with a large residential-style rear-wall entertainment center, and another with a clever J-shaped "pseudo island" kitchen that was a first-ever for the general design.

At the same time, more shallow

Rolling homes

By Jeff Johnston

slide-outs are being used to good effect. A typical slide-out moves approximately 36 inches out from the vehicle. The new generation models move about half that, as many builders have discovered that 18 inches is enough to render the extra elbow room desired near a slide-out feature.

Slide-outs with flush floors, which have no extra lip to step (or trip) over inside the rig when moved out, are also becoming more commonplace. This kind of feature is definitely a plus for an RV with high interior foot traffic volume.

Smaller, lighter-weight travel trailers designed to be towed by downsized sport utility vehicles, minivans and mid-size cars continued a strong showing that began several years ago.

These products are showing signs of maturity in design, with more user-friendly features and elements tailored to their special applications.

One reasonable sure sign of RV design success is how many other companies copy a products' new design.

R-Vision Incorporated recently developed a new lightweight hard-side trailer in its Trail-Lite division, called the Bantam, with an innovative feature: Each end of the trailer is fitted with a fold-out bed platform like



FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISE'S 'EZ Office' is a clever space-saver offered in Flair and Storm Class A motorhomes.

those of a tent trailer.

This gives the trailer compact towability and hardwall when on the road, and the room, when set up, to sleep a large family or several guests in comfort.

This year's Louisville show included no less than six more models that are direct knock-offs of the Bantam design, on which R-Vision has a patent pending.

Other lightweights are being fitted with upscale features to appeal to those with fatter wallets and the desire for upgraded components.

This runs counter to the usual lightweight equals low cost trend, and is a good sign of growth and diversification.

On the motorhome side, the new heavier-duty Class C "cutaway" chassis from Ford and Chevrolet have

opened up greater equipment possibilities for designers. Slide-out rooms and new floorplans are abundant in motorhomes.

One of the most interesting interior features comes from Fleetwood Enterprises, and is offered in its Flair and Storm Class A motorhomes.

It's called the "EZ Office" and it's a takeoff on the old Murphy bed concept.

In brief, the unit looks like a typ-

ical walkaround island-style bed out back when set up. The bed then folds up against the wall to reveal a handy desk with built-in cabinets, would be the like. It's a clever use of available space.

Given the "me too" nature of the RV industry, we can expect similar features in more motorhomes and towables in the near future.

Pals restore '41 Buick Roadmaster, head south

Classic classics

By Vern Parker

Buick had a dynamite year in 1941, building 374,000 cars. Of that number only 326 were four-door Roadmaster convertible phaeton models. Each one weighed 4,465-pounds, rode on a 128-inch wheelbase and carried a \$1,775 base sticker price.

In the summer of 1957, a group of free spirits, in one of the Buicks that survived World War II, coasted into a Cadillac garage in San Luis Obispo where Russ Aves worked while a student at nearby Cal Poly.

Aves recalls that as these free spirits bailed out of the car, a gallon jug

of mountain wine also rolled out and broke on the pavement.

The driver explained the car had lost power coming down the steep Questa grade. Aves remembers him saying, "I looked in the mirror and saw a rod laying on the road with half a piston on it."

All they wanted was a ride home to Oceano, just south of Pismo Beach — about 40 miles away. For the ride,

they said they would surrender the pink slip registration to the disabled car. Aves already had fallen for the attractive Buick, and agreed to arrange for a friend to drive them home.

Aves managed to get the Dynaflash 320-cubic-inch, straight-eight cylinder engine running with just seven cylinders working and a hole in the side. It had domed high compression pistons.

Aves paid \$38 for a low-mileage 322-cubic-inch straight-eight engine from a wrecked 1952 Buick Roadmaster owned by the proverbial little old lady. She had been T-boned in an accident with an ambulance but, thankfully, both she and the engine were fine.

"With hydraulic lifters," Aves says, "this is the choicest engine Buick ever made."

With the elegant Buick finally made roadworthy, the collegiate buddies headed to Tijuana. Wouldn't you?

If you have a car of interest to "Classic Classics," write Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22188.



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Mazda

FROM PAGE D1

Miata 10th anniversary edition has brought a new coat of sapphire blue mica paint with a blue convertible tonneau cover, a departure from the usual black and tan.

A detachable hard top to match the body colors is also available.

Some of the additions which make this vehicle stand out in a crowd are 15-inch polished aluminum alloy wheels, fog-lights, and rear

mud guards.

Everything, including the aerodynamic side sills, is flush-mounted to enhance the sporty appearance.

Blue and black seats, black trim on the side bolsters and headrests are part of the package. The wood Nardi steering wheel and shift knob with matching blue and black leather provide another touch of class.

The instrument panel has not been neglected. Chrome rings accent the speedometer and tachometer. The gauges are easy to read with red needles and white numerals.

A 140-horsepower, 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine, rack and pinion

steering with variable assist, plus Torsen limited slip differential and Bilstein shock absorbers complete the package. Obviously Mazda has left no stone unturned.

On a drive covering some 250 miles through hills and freeway, most of the thrills came from doing a slalom on two-way mountain roads.

Shifting gears became the main priority and the six-speed transmission was no slouch. I had some difficulty in the beginning changing down from sixth to fifth gear, but with a little patience and kindness to the gearbox this mental problem was mastered.

Other assets were the power windows providing a cross draft at the touch of a button. The patented Windblocker panel at the back gives some wind protection and cuts down on the noise level.

The optional air conditioning was handy in Palm Springs during the midday sun, and the heater came in handy when the midday sun went down.

The Bose sound system was not put to the test as when you are driving with the top down on the freeway the cacophony of diesel trucks and various other floaters and jetsam cannot compete.

Mazda anticipates 3,000 units will

be sold before they reach the dealers showroom. This 10th anniversary edition they hope will be the most popular of all the Miatas.

Destined for an overseas market which includes North America, Japan, Europe and Australia, this is the first time there has been a world wide limited-edition Miata offering.

Volume is capped at 7,500 units with just 3,000 going to the U.S. market.

Mazda hopes that this model will be one of the most sought-after with exclusive offerings of badges on the driver's side fender, and an owner's certificate with the VIN.

A sequence number signed by

James E. Miller, president of Motor Corporation, and a key fob to match the color of this 10th Anniversary Edition.

How can you lose when the car has a following some members in the United States popularity of the sports car waned since it was introduced.

Mazda continues to keep it alive without compromise. This Limited Edition begs to be driven. You will be able to take your eyes off your shapey body.

as missing pieces between the nails, glass and other possible parts of flats. Also check to see how the tread is left on the tire by the depth of the grooves.

As the tire wears and the problems gain traction in the tread is left on the tire by the depth of the grooves.

You can get an accurate reading of the tire's remaining wear by simply inserting a penny head first, into the grooves of the tire. If you can see the Abe's head over the tire, it's time to replace the tire.

Even if there's plenty of tread left in the tread, it's time to replace the tire. If the tread is even, there may be a problem with your vehicle.

voil. I have seen this many late model Ford products.

It's always interesting around isn't it? Please send your creative questions, stumper and neighborly wishes to: The Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lake MA 02347.

Taxes

FROM PAGE D1

method. To use this method, add together your expenses for gas, oil, repairs, insurance, auto club membership, car license, and loan interest or lease payments. Then multiply the total expenses by the percentage you use the car for business.

Add depreciation on the car to this figure (unless you lease the car), along with your business parking and tolls. The end result is your total business car expense.

Mileage rate method

The second method of deducting car expenses, the mileage rate method, is calculated by multiplying the number of business miles you drove during the year by 32.5¢ a mile (31¢ a mile beginning April 1).

The only expenses that can be added to the 32.5¢ a mile is the business percentage of car loan interest and car registration, and business parking and tolls. All other expense are considered to be covered by the 32.5¢-a-mile deduction.

The recordkeeping for car use may seem tedious but, since this is often a sizable expense for your business, the resulting tax deduction will make your efforts worthwhile.

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Rubber

FROM PAGE D2

"As the tire wears and the grooves become more shallow, the tire will have problems gaining traction in the rain."

Autodoc

FROM PAGE D2

ling problem (until the engine warms up) when it is damp out. I have rebuilt the engine, installed a Holley Pro-Jection unit, and upgraded the ignition. What do you think? Bob

The sales figures for BMW's M and Mercedes-Benz AMG models are small, but they provide the two companies with a halo effect. And it "pays off at the box office."

The only used luxury car from Cadillac that competes with the top German and Japanese models is the Seville — and it suffers from the fact that it is a front-wheel drive vehicle.

versing, versus heavy load or sustained high-speed driving.

Check inflation pressure, but be aware of air temperature

You have to first remove the protective cap from the tire valve. Some cars may have valve extender caps to give access to the valve through a thick wheel cover — these are recognizable by their length and their white center — which need not be removed. Hold the gauge head firmly and squarely on the top of the valve. You shouldn't hear any air hissing out as you check.

If the tire is overinflated, bleed some pressure by pressing down on the pin in the middle of the tire valve;

Dear Bob: Damp conditions can play havoc during warm up. One of the most common problems I come across is the air filter preheat tube that has been discarded, especially when an open element high performance air filter is installed. Lean fuel condition and ignition breakdown can also contribute to the problem.

The lone European luxury car featuring front-wheel drive is Audi — and a majority of its cars are sold with its all-wheel drive system.

If Cadillac truly wants to compete worldwide it must return to a rear-wheel drive or all-wheel drive offering.

The Seville is a fine automobile. Its powertrain is world-class, but it doesn't measure up to the Europeans when it comes to handling — and that is what a majority of younger buyers demand in a car.

It will be interesting to see if the General Motors' board of directors realizes what is happening to their premier car division. They have little choice if they plan to compete in the future.

recheck the pressure. If it's underinflated, you'll have to add air. If you don't have an air compressor, drive to a nearby service station.

Driving fast to get the air will heat the tires. You'll have to recheck their pressure at the station to see how much inflation they gained from the drive and add enough air for them to be properly inflated after they've cooled down again.

The inflation pressure recommended by the car maker is one that's a compromise for good handling, comfortable ride and good fuel economy. Some people like to carry a bit more pressure for better fuel economy at the price of ride comfort.

Don't carry less pressure than the

manufacturer recommends or you may damage the tires. And never carry more inflation pressure than the tire maker says is safe for the tire. The tire maker's recommendations for maximum inflation pressures are embossed on the tire itself. Both over- and underinflation can cause premature tire wear.

Look for damage and wear on the sides as well as tread

Inspect both the tread — the part that actually contacts the road — and the inner and outer sidewalls. Look for bulges and cracks in the sidewalls. If you find any, have the tire replaced.

Check the tread for damage, such

Brake lights stay on

Dear Doctor: We own a 1993 Ford F-150 two-wheel drive pickup with a rear anti-lock brake light that stays on. I need brakes, so I had them replaced hoping that would take care of the ABS light. Well, it did not. The shop checked for trouble codes and there was none. I do not think the

ABS is working. What can the shop do next? Daniel

Dear Daniel: Brakes need to be in 100 percent perfect condition. The shop working on your truck needs to understand the ABS system. The ABS light can be on from something as minor as the brake fluid level indicator in the master cylinder reser-

New road rules spell out state's stand

1999 takes dim view of crime

The California Highway Patrol has provided a list of new state laws now in effect that will affect motorists on California roadways, particularly drivers who choose to flee arrest and initiate a pursuit.

Fleeing a police officer

Assembly Bill 2066, authored by Assemblyman Michael Sweeney, D-

Hayward, increases the penalty for fleeing a police officer, instituting a jail sentence of at least six months for simple offenders and more than a year for reckless offenders.

Deadly pursuits

AB 1382, authored by Assemblyman Keith Olberg, R-Victorville, increases the prison term to three, four or five years for those who engage in pursuits that cause serious injury or death.

Open containers

Senate Bill 1890, authored by State Sen. Jack O'Connell, D-Barbara, prohibits open ashtrays in all off-road vehicles on specified public lands as campgrounds.

License fee reduced

AB 2797, authored by Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, D-Turlock, provides for a 25-percent reduction in the vehicle license fee and future reductions if allowed by state General Fund.

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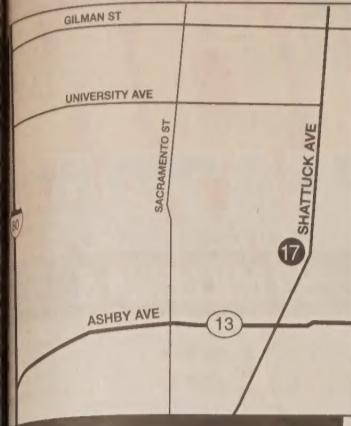
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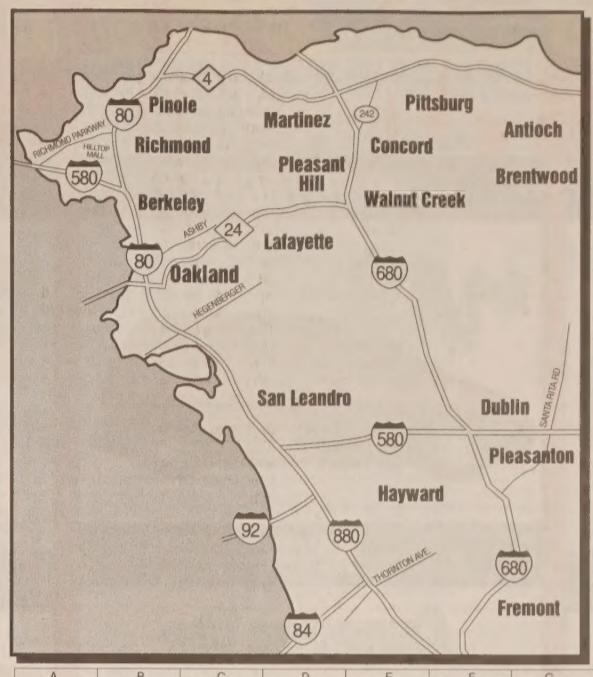
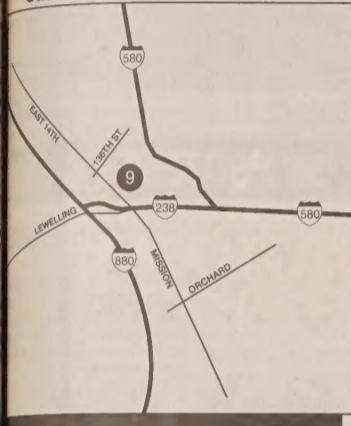
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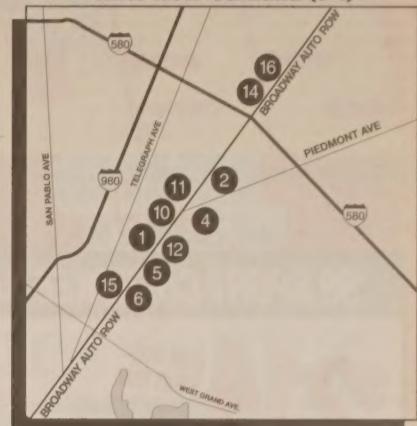
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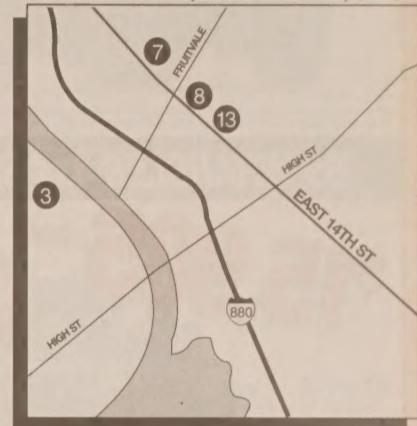
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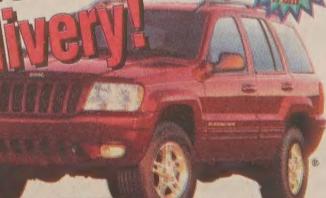
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